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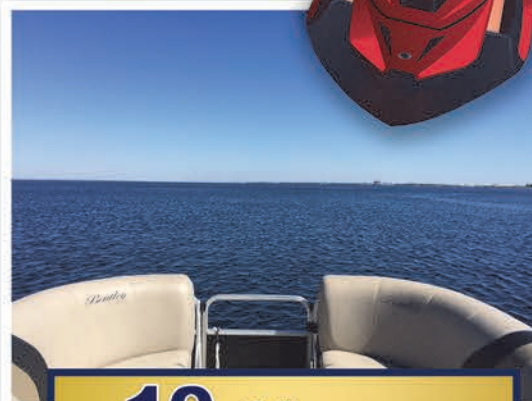
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On Our Cover:



Northwest Florida Theatre Festival
May 12-21
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Opening Remarks

Trend Me, Shape Me Anyway You Want

I always look at what’s trending on Facebook and Twitter, because I’m a sad and pathetic human being.

The week this issue was assembled, there was a thing on the ‘Book called “Here are 10 concerts I’ve seen and one is a lie. Which one have I not seen?” Like anything else that catches on with the social media crowd, it was a complete waste of time.

And nobody did it right. Over half the people in my news feed (all of whom I’ve unfriended) put 11 bands/artists instead of 10. It’s too bad *Sesame Street* moved to HBO, because we sure could use the Count on broadcast television right now.

Some people had a funny take on the game, like *MAD* magazine’s Joe Raiola. He listed a bunch of fake band names, but I was disappointed that Johnny Turd and the Commodores didn’t make the cut (see June 1977 issue) (of *MAD*, not *Beachcomber*).

Anyway, here are 10 things about this issue of *Beachcomber*. And one is a lie. Blah blah blah...

1. We’ve added a new “Pet of the Issue” feature, and we’re going to spotlight our own for the first dozen or so installments. So don’t bother sending yours in for a couple months.

2. The middle four pages are dedicated to a new and exciting event that launches **May 12**, the Northwest Florida Theatre Festival. The complete schedule is included, so if you go (and you should), you can just pull those pages out and throw away the rest of the magazine. But please don’t do that, because we worked really, really hard on everything else.

3. A handful of Okaloosa Island restaurants are advertising in *Beachcomber* now (see page 43), so you should eat, drink and tip heavily at all of them.



Editor Manson’s dog Lilly agreed to help with this issue of **BEACHCOMBER** on one condition. See our new “Pet of the Issue” feature on page 25.

4. Carl Hiaasen has a few funny things to say about United Airlines.

5. Our regular contributor Joni Williams is recovering from surgery, so she couldn’t file a Brew Review this issue. Stay strong, Joni.

6. Bill O’Reilly apparently got fired from FOX News.

7. We’ve added a new feature called “Stream On” to review all those great Netflix, Hulu and Amazon shows.

8. Robert Downey Jr., Robert Duvall and Billy Bob Thornton will be at the Destin Library this month.

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This Issue's Contributors

Lesha Maureen Porche ("Why I'm Looking Forward to ArtsQuest") is a professional artist living and working in Niceville. She likes chocolate, her dog Mac, and rock climbing. She has a Master's Degree in Architecture and enjoys painting landscapes and drawing portraits. She can be reached for inquiries about her work through her website, leshaporche.com.

Jenna Taylor (Outdoors) is an avid outdoorswoman, content creator and writer. Born and raised in Kentucky, she now lives in Santa Rosa Beach.

Hunter Forbes (Outdoors) is owner and guide at 30A Guide Service and Southern Whitetail Outfitters. He's also a freelance outdoor photographer and lives in Santa Rosa Beach.

Wynn Parks (Recommended Reading) writes tales of Magic Realism, and lives in Santa Rosa Beach with his wife, whom he calls "the most memorable English lady since Mary Poppins."

Jane Morgan (Record Roundup) lives in Brooklyn, New York, but grew up in Destin. She graduated from New York University, where she studied music branding and criticism.

Kellyanne Bartleson (Family-Friendly Events) is the creator of **EmeraldCoastKids.org**, a comprehensive online resource guide for all things kids, teens and families in Walton and Okaloosa counties.

Samantha Lambert (Dick Ryneerson) has been back in Florida for seven months now and is really enjoying the weather. She loves interviewing people and writing stories for *Beachcomber*. She also enjoys visiting parts of the area that have grown tremendously since she grew up here in the 1970s.

Kimberly White ("Panhandle Butterfly House Celebrates 20 Years") has been an editor and reporter for the last 20 years. She writes about anything that strikes her fancy. She is also a content writer and avid lover of all things German shepherd (see page 25).

Joni Williams (Record Roundup) enjoys eating, drinking and hitting the road on the spur of the moment, which is pretty much what she writes about, too. Most of the time.

Nikki Hedrick (Jeff Black), a resident of Seagrove Beach, is a photographer, longtime *Beachcomber* contributor and co-owner of 850 Music and Entertainment.

Debbie Thomas (Wines to Try) is a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School and Florida State University. She is a former high school band director and is now an operating partner at Twisted Grape Cafe & Wine Bar in Shalimar.

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

9. Don't hold your breath on that new bridge connecting Fort Walton Beach and Destin happening any time this century.

10. We print 10,000 or more copies of *Beachcomber*. Every 1,000th copy of this issue contains a crisp new \$100 bill, courtesy of our friend Jimmy's ATM company.

Happy hunting! Beats spending all your time on Facebook lying about what bands you've seen.

- Chris



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30A Trolley Ready to Roll

Sunshine Shuttle and Limousine announces commencement of the fourth consecutive trolley transit season to serve South Walton along Scenic Highway 30A.

Since 2014, Sunshine Shuttle has worked to alleviate in-season traffic along 30A. The amenity is delivered to both community residents and visitors by providing a nod to yesterday with an iconic trolley. This year, Sunshine launches multiple vehicles along the route, with no less than 11 confirmed stops at major points along the way.

The program will kick off Memorial Day Weekend and run daily through Labor Day. Shuttles will provide new technology for riders, including real-time GPS location tracking of each

vehicle along the route through a new mobile app that can be downloaded in an instant from all app stores.

“Sunshine is working alongside our committed route stop partners to change the culture of South Walton,” says owner-founder **John Finch**. “We are looking forward to providing Sunshine’s incredible service and best effort to help alleviate traffic and congestion along the densely populated 30A.”

“It is imperative that we try some form of busing system to alleviate some of the traffic, whether it holds us up from stops or not,” says Seagrove Beach resident **Laurie Reichenbach**. “We’ve got to get cars off 30A, even if it costs us. As a resident, I would use



(the trolley). Hopefully (tourists) will use it because they’re all drinking and

they need a ride.”

- James Hutto

Seaside Teachers Earn Best and Brightest Scholarships

Three Seaside School teachers—**Courtney Krick, Brian Michie** and **Joy Robbins**—were recently recognized by the Florida Department of Education’s Best & Brightest Scholarship Program. About 7,000 teachers across the state earned scholarships for 2017.

The Best & Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program rewards Florida’s teachers who have been evaluated as highly effective and who have earned college entrance exam scores that indicate they were exceptionally well prepared for college level coursework.

Krick received both her Bachelor’s Degree and Master’s Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Florida. Krick is certified in Middle Grades Science and Elementary Education. She is passionate about fostering a love for science among her students. Before joining the Seaside School, Krick worked for Leon County Schools as a substitute teacher.

Michie graduated from the University of Georgia with Bachelor’s Degrees in History and Social Studies Education in 2008. He received his Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of West Florida in 2014. Michie possesses certifications in Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum and Social Studies grades 5-12. He is also AP US History certified by the College Board.

This school year will be Michie’s fifth year as a teacher in Walton County and his third year as a member of the



Seaside faculty. Michie teaches Civics and American History for 7th and 8th grade students, and enjoys helping students become active and informed citizens of the community through social studies.

Robbins graduated from Fordham University in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. As a New York City Teaching Fellow, she taught 7th and 8th grade English/Language Arts while earning her Master’s Degree in Teaching Secondary English with a concentration in adolescent literacy from Fordham University.

She has taught high school humanities in Washington, D.C., area schools and Advanced Placement Language and Composition in Nashville, where she completed an education-entrepreneurship fellowship with 4.0 Schools. Robbins and her husband moved to Old Seagrove in June 2013.

“We are proud to have three of Florida’s ‘best and brightest’ teachers among our stellar staff,” says Seaside Neighborhood School principal **Kim Mixson**. “They each are inspiring and set excellent examples for our students to model.”

Learn more at **SeasideSchool.net**.

- Zandra Wolfgram

LEFT: Seaside Neighborhood School teacher Brian Michie, principal Kim Mixson standing in for Courtney Krick, and teacher Joy Robbins with the Florida Best & Brightest Scholarships awards they recently earned from the Florida Board of Education.

FRESH SEAFOOD?



One of the first questions people ask when they visit our area is
“How can we be sure we’re getting fresh seafood?”

That’s an excellent question. There is a good chance that the seafood you will be offered traveled farther than you did. In the state of Florida, even though we are surrounded by water, more than 90% of the seafood sold this year will be imported from other countries.

Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as “fresh” and imported seafood is sold as “local.” According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

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On United, Removing Reluctant Passengers Will No Longer Be a Drag

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

To all our worried United customers:

Let me assure you I'm way more disturbed today than I was a week ago, when I first learned about the unusual manner in which a passenger was taken off a plane at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

Some of you complained that my initial reaction was insensitive for defending the flight crew, saying it properly followed our company procedures for the "involuntary denial of boarding."

Since then, I've gone back and re-read the employee conduct manual cover to cover. It seems I was mistaken.

I can't find anything that says it's all right to violently drag a ticketed passenger from an aircraft, and give his seat to an off-duty crew member. The cellphone videos of this incident get more distressing every time I see the plummeting price of our company stock.

So I want to promise all our disgruntled shareholders—and customers—that this type of horrific event will never happen again aboard a United flight. Starting today, new procedures are being put in place to better handle these difficult situations.

The first order of business is amending all corporate policy directives to eliminate the unfortunate phrase "involuntary denial of boarding." From now on, the process will be called "humane displacement of reluctant travelers."

Whenever a flight is overbooked, or we need last-minute seats for transiting crew members, cabin attendants will offer passengers wads of actual one-hundred dollar bills—not just vouchers—to get off the plane.

Warm hand towels and bonus bags of snacks will be handed to passengers who agree to leave, regardless of whether they're seated in first-class or coach. Those with peanut allergies can trade up for a gourmet Biscoff cookie on their way out the door.

Voluntarily departing passengers will also be allowed to take one pillow and one in-flight blanket, in case they have to spend the night sleeping on the floor of the airport.

We fully expect most customers to respond enthusiastically to these new displacement incentives. However, in the unlikely event we still need a seat or two on the plane, special care will be taken in the de-boarding of unwilling individuals.

Let me assure you that any person we remove will not be selected because of race, ethnicity, or body type. Furthermore, we'll try our best not to separate family members, unless one of them is wearing leggings. (Yes, ladies, that includes yoga pants).

Once a passenger has been chosen by the crew for removal, a special swift-response team will be summoned. The team will be led not by airport police, but by wildlife officers who are specially trained to subdue large mammals.

A tranquilizer dart will be prepared, its dosage based on the estimated weight and agility of the recalcitrant passenger. The dart will then be administered with a muffled air rifle of the type used by zoo veterinarians to sedate captive apes, panda bears, and large cats.

As soon as the pre-displacement tranquilizer takes effect, the passenger will be carefully pried from his seat, placed on a stretcher and carried off the plane. This will be done as rapidly as possible, to avoid blocking the center aisle.

Each United Airlines terminal will have a designated recovery room for recently removed passengers. In our hub cities such as Denver and Newark, these facilities will offer free Wi-Fi, mood lighting, and Starbucks coffee.

Medical personnel will be on hand to supervise disoriented travelers until the drug wears off, and they are stable enough to roll their carry-on bags through the concourse without endangering others.

Upon fully regaining consciousness, removed passengers will be asked to complete a short survey rating their experience. If they happen to be enrolled in our award-winning frequent-flyer program, we'll automatically elevate their membership to Premier Gold status.

And if they should be humanely displaced from a future United flight, we'll bump them all the way up to Premier Platinum!

Look, we know traveling is stressful enough without having your face bloodied while being booted from the plane. What happened at O'Hare will never happen again.

So, please come back to the friendly skies. We promise to treat you like a panda.

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The Day Bill O'Reilly Got Fired

By Leonard Pitts Jr., Tribune Content Agency

On the day Bill O'Reilly was fired, Serena Williams announced she was 20 weeks pregnant.

Fans did the math and concluded Williams must have had a baby on board in January when she won her 23rd Grand Slam singles title in dominating fashion. That, said TV tennis analyst Pam Shriver, made Williams' win "even more spectacular."

That same day, director Ava DuVernay was basking in news that her documentary *13th* had won a prestigious Peabody Award. And Chrissy Metz, a star of the NBC hit, *This Is Us*, was receiving feedback on a video "letter" she posted online to her insecure teenage self. "Stop comparing yourself to anyone or anything," she counseled. "We are all on our own journey."

That day, in other words, women lived their unique lives. And Fox "News"

sent O'Reilly packing for allegedly behaving as if they exist solely for his gratification.

O'Reilly, a pugnacious conservative who was the mightiest oak in the forest of cable news blowhards, was felled by a report in *The New York Times* three weeks ago that detailed how Fox paid out about \$13 million over the years to make multiple accusations of sexual harassment go away. An uproar ensued, and advertisers deserted his top-rated program by the dozens.

Small wonder. The accusations, which O'Reilly denies, read like a manual on how not to behave in a 21st-century workplace. O'Reilly is said to have made unwanted advances, tried to plant an unwanted kiss and backed up his demand for sexual favors by making threats or even taking action to blunt women's careers. One woman said he called her and described sexual fantasies involving her. She said it sounded as if he was masturbating.

This comes at a bad time for Fox. It's been less than a year since chairman Roger Ailes left under a similar cloud. But in showing O'Reilly the door, the network makes a strong statement that it has zero tolerance for acts of sexual harassment.

That become public and scare advertisers away.

Otherwise, Fox doesn't seem to care all that much. What else can we infer when O'Reilly was there for two decades, and Fox repeatedly chose to paper over his alleged misdeeds rather than take action to curb his, ahem, enthusiasm? It's like people there think it's still 1968. Indeed, O'Reilly comes across like a guy who just wandered in from one of those old sitcoms where the lecherous boss is always chasing the secretary around the desk.

It was a reliable comic trope that felt harmless way back when. But then, no one ever asked the secretary how she felt about it.

Give or take a president or two, we men don't behave that way anymore. Or at least, we know we're not supposed to. Last week's events suggest that some of us have yet to learn.

On the day O'Reilly was fired, Gail in West Palm Beach researched real estate for a potential buyer. Georgina in New Orleans chased down rats in a property she owns. Laura in Hood River, Oregon, prepared for breast cancer surgery. Lynn drove her semi from Seattle to Ontario, California. In Tallahassee, Marty trimmed the shrubs.

In other words, women did what they do every day. They lived lives of challenge, routine, reward and, most important, volition beyond the entitlements of men.

Meanwhile, a man rich and powerful and beyond judgment—or so he surely

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Mother's Day Trunk Show at Grand Boulevard Zoo Gallery

The Zoo Gallery hosts three of its favorite artists **May 13 and 14** at the Grand Boulevard location. The Mother's Day Trunk Show runs both days, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. More info at thezoogallery.com.

Laurie Pollpeter Eskenazi has worked with clay for over 25 years. As a little girl, she was fascinated with the items found on and in her grandmother's dresser—old button boxes, crazy quilts and hand tatted lace.

Laurie is a graduate of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her pottery is inspired by the traditional needlecrafts made by women in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Using a combination of wheel throwing, coil and slab techniques, she transforms vintage designs into contemporary stoneware.

The work is somewhat spontaneous. She strives for a non-

manicured organic look by layering impressions taken from vintage lace, buttons and handmade stamps. Influenced by the colors and textures found in her travels throughout France, Italy, Spain and the rural Midwest, her pallet is lush and vibrant.

Laurie is perhaps most notably collected for her mastery of glaze patterning and critical attention to detail. Her work possesses a feminine, playful touch that speaks to contemporary sensibilities with bits of nostalgia woven into each piece.

Heather Haase is an Atlanta jewelry designer known for her unique style of incorporating antique and unusual gemstones into hand-woven designs that result in earthy and organic—yet elegant—necklaces, bracelets and earrings.

Ashley Benton is a southern artist living in Atlanta. Her work is sensitive,

serene, sometimes precarious, and a bit surreal. Through line, form and space, she investigates the figure beyond traditional rendering. The work seeks to capture the essence, emotion or feeling of the subject/object.

"I want to visually articulate what is around us all the time, but we do not see or notice until we are reminded," says Ashley. Her paintings are that visual reminder and connection back to the self. The work often emphasizes the unreachable—something that cannot be captured or held like stories, metaphors and memories in a permanent state.

For Ashley, making art is an attempt to make the fleeting more permanent, knowing all the while it is not possible, making the challenge the process by which she can keep going.

Less than reality, more than a dream...
- Baxter Wilson

Why I'm Looking Forward to ArtsQuest

By Lesha Maureen Porche

Every year I do a few art festivals. I've been doing a small circuit of festivals since 2011, and I love the outdoor settings (mostly) and the joy of setting up an entire gallery and retail store in three hours for two days (mostly).

Art festivals require artists to provide their own (or rent) 10' x 10' or 12' x 12' white tents complete with entire merchandising displays. We artists essentially create an entire store for you to view our art, and we try to create an experience that is both professional and accessible in a small space, often showing our entire collections in the space of a few hours of setup.

There is something immediate and fun about a pop-up show, like a festival, versus a gallery show. Artists get to connect with people in a pressure-free casual way that allows for natural interaction and truly spontaneous appreciation of our art.

And each year, I especially look forward to ArtsQuest. ArtsQuest is one of the highest quality art festivals in the area. It's juried, which means you have to apply to get in and then your acceptance is decided by a jury of panelists based upon merit.



Additionally, ArtsQuest is judged, which means cash prizes are awarded once the show is set up.

But mostly I look forward to it because of my first ArtsQuest back in 2012. I was in the hospital for a few weeks, and I had applied to ArtsQuest earlier in the year. I didn't get in. I was disappointed but not crushed. There would be other shows, I told myself, other times to apply. But while I was in the hospital I got an email saying I had

been accepted via the waiting list for ArtsQuest 2012 in Seaside. (The show is now held Mother's Day weekend at Grand Boulevard in Sandestin.)

I was thrilled. The excitement of preparing for a show two weeks after discharge helped me recover my strength and push myself to get better so I could exhibit. I completed two extra paintings just for the show, and it helped me get better and believe that I could do good things in the festival circuit. I had confidence, where before I just felt beaten down from being so ill.

Every year I exhibit at ArtsQuest, I feel a bright resurgence and energy in knowing I'll be surrounded by great quality artists, excellent music and a happy, appreciative crowd.

Every year I anticipate this show, knowing it was instrumental in getting me through a very rough part of my life.

Every year I look forward to the beautiful art shining around me, reminding me that art is transformative in more than just aesthetic appeal, but in its power to change lives.

Come see all of us Mother's Day weekend, **May 13 and 14**.

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AMUSE ART STUDIO, 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Drawing and acrylic classes. Call 850-660-6560 for more info.

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Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. rosalynogrady.com.

Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is \$80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$85 (\$70 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$7 (\$5 for ADSO members).

Thursdays. Watercolor Painting with Pat Farwell, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Beginner through advanced. Bring your own supplies—list provided in the ADSO office. Cost is \$85 per month (\$70 for ADSO members).

Fridays. Open Studio, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

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Thursdays. Pottery a la Carte, 6-8 p.m. Cost per session is \$35.

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ART EVENTS

THROUGH MAY 19. NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FACULTY ART EXHIBIT AT MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER GALLERIES, NICEVILLE

Featuring stunning nature photography, paintings and other works by the college's art faculty. Call 850-729-6044 or email ArtGalleries@nwfsc.edu for more information.

THROUGH MAY 31. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

The abstract realism of **Kimberly Heartsong** is in the spotlight this month.

THROUGH MAY 31. LORRAINE SLOAN EXHIBIT AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

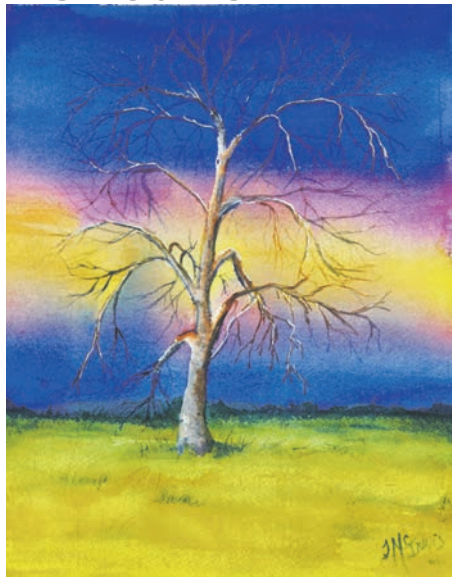


Sloan's work has been exhibited at the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation's Festival of the Arts, the Foster Gallery, and many others.

THROUGH MAY 31. PAUL G. HEARON EXHIBIT AT FORT WALTON BEACH LIBRARY

The Choctawhatchee High School graduate and Fort Walton Beach resident says, "I have been blessed with a knack for art and seeing most things in a different light."

THROUGH JUNE 2. THERESIA McINNIS EXHIBIT AT DESTIN LIBRARY



Retired educator McInnis specializes in watercolors, and you may have seen her award-

winning Destin Seafood Festival poster art back in 2015. More at theresiamcinnis.com.

THROUGH JUNE 30. REBECCA LU KIERNAN EXHIBIT AT CRESTVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY
Come see everything new under the sun.

OPENS MAY 2. ADSO'S "ON THE MENU" SHOW AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Art inspired by what's on the menu or restaurant happenings in general. Reception Friday, **May 5**, 6-8 p.m. Call 850-244-1271 or visit artsdesignsociety.org for more information.

MAY 5. GULF PLACE FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK, SANTA ROSA BEACH

From 4 to 7 p.m., join artist **Gordie Hinds** for new artwork, meet local artists, and enjoy refreshments and live music from jazz guitarist **Mark Graham**. Plus—the Artists at Gulf Place host the Battle of the Brushes, in which local artists paint in an exciting competition. More at gulfplacefl.com.

MAY 5. WSRE'S CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA PAINT PARTY AT JEAN & PAUL AMOS PERFORMANCE STUDIO, PENSACOLA

From 6 to 8 p.m., participants paint Painting with a Twist's "Tree of Life" and enjoy fiesta style food and drink. Cost is \$50 and includes all art supplies. Seating is limited. Register at wsre.org/50.

MAY 6. OKALOOSA ARTS ALLIANCE POSTER CONTEST DISPLAY AT YOUNG PHILOSOPHERS SOCIETY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Reception will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the winners of this year's contest will be announced. More at okaloosaarts.org.

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The Artist's Work Ethic

By Carol Ann Cain

Try to paint five or six days a week for at least three hours per session, and keep a consistent time schedule.

If you are not motivated, just begin the painting and you will have something to come back to the next session.

Consider your materials. Quality matters.

Never compare yourself to other artists, unless it is to study *your* strengths and weaknesses and improve on the latter.

You are not perfect, and your art will not be either.

Follow your instincts, and only follow advice consistent with your agenda.

Teach others. It will help you put your ideas/systems into concrete thoughts and words.

If you create several poor works in a row, you are probably growing as an artist. If you need to, paint what has been successful in the past to keep your confidence up. Then, return to your challenge.

Appreciating the efforts of another artist does not mean you need to like his or her work.

Get rid of your paintings you don't like. I gesso over mine.

Narrow in on your strengths, medium and genre.



Consider all avenues of selling your work—galleries, exhibits, royalties and prints.

Your artist statement should be more about the artwork than the artist. Explain why someone would want to display your work in his or her home.

Carol Ann Cain's most notable and influential teachers have been Morgan Samuel Price, Albert Handel, Anatoly Dverin and Quang Ho. She received the Best of Show honors at the Cultural Arts Association's 2016 Annual Member Show, the 2013 Scenes of South Walton Art Show, the 2008 Beaux Arts Exhibit, and the 2007 Okaloosa Regional Airport Exhibit. She is the wife of Bill Cain, a minister, and the mother of four daughters—Gileah, Emma, Sarah and Marantha.

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MARY HONG GALLERY Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's *Morning Drive Show* and *Emeril's Florida* TV show. Mary's take on glass art

incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Gallery is open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, noon-5 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com.

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CALL TO ARTISTS

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF) announces a call for artists for its 22nd Annual Festival of the Arts, to be held **Oct. 28 and 29** throughout the grounds of the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village in Destin. Artist applications and poster competition entries are now being accepted. The winning design for the official poster competition will become the signature artwork reproduced on festival t-shirts, posters, marketing collateral and specialty merchandise, and will be prominently displayed on the cover of the official Festival of the Arts guide with a distribution of more than 30,000.

In addition, a \$500 cash prize will be awarded to the winning artist's design. The artist entry and poster contest application deadline is **June 26**. Artist applications, entry forms and rules of participation at MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org.



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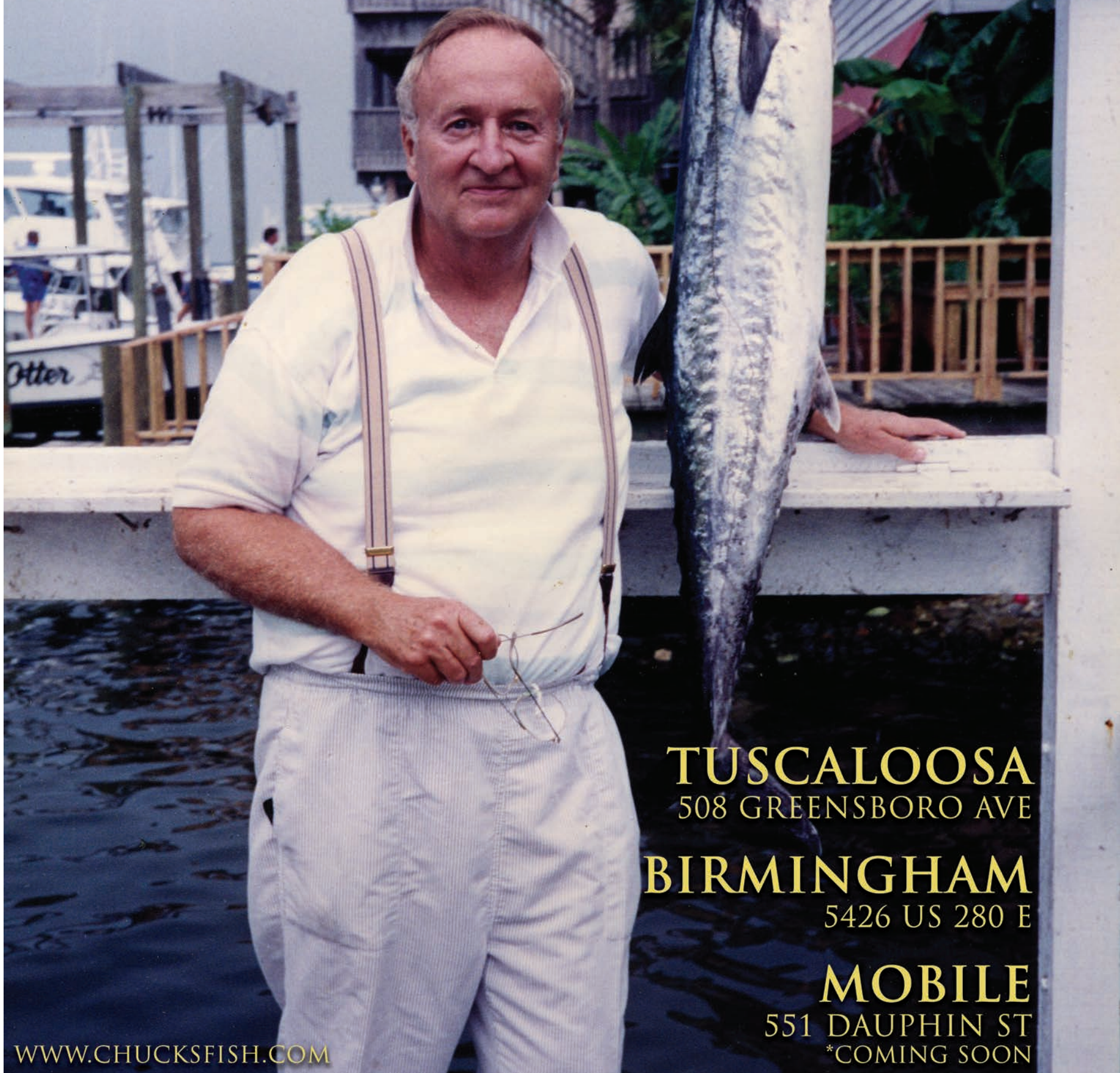
Shenanigans performs at the Emerald Coast Theatre Company's '80s party. Where are the photos of Nikki Hedrick dressed like "Borderline"-era Madonna?



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Back in Black

By Nikki Hedrick

Jeff Black is no stranger to the area. He's been a regular performer at the 30A Songwriters Festival, an Escape to Create artist in residence, and a long-time visitor. On **May 19**, Black returns to the Seaside Repertory Theatre to share his songs and the stories behind them.

"Nashville is a great town," says Black of his home. "But we are kind of missing something. And that would be the beautiful Gulf Coast, that's for sure."

Like many songwriters, Black caught the bug at an early age. "I kind of started messing around with the guitar when I was about 10 maybe, just learning.

"I think it stems back from stories that my dad told me. My grandmother played piano in church, and my great-granddad played a little guitar, and my mom's cousin played guitar. But nobody was really playing music. They were playing during the Depression, and I think they were trying to get something to eat. It wasn't about nurturing some luxury of emotion."

A sixth-grade talent contest solidified the notion of a music career. "I got up and played 'Green, Green Grass of Home,' and all the girls screamed and everybody thought that was something," says Black. "And that was kind of it for me."

From there, Black and his guitar became inseparable. "I latched onto it even tighter because I didn't want to turn around at the end of my life and think, *Man, I wish I did that*. So I'm still trying it. I'm still working on it. I don't know if I am ever going to get where I really want to go. But I have had so many dreams come true now that it doesn't matter anymore."

Black's songs have been recorded by Alison Krauss, Waylon Jennings, Sam Bush and John Oates, among others.

A prolific songwriter, Black shares unreleased tracks through his Black Tuesday podcast, but he takes his time when it comes to formulating an album. "I'm always writing, all the time," he says. "There were a lot of things going on that I had written about, that I kind of lost the common



Photo by Michael Wilson.

thread because I had to turn around and rewrite a lot of songs and write brand new songs.

"The storyline in this new album I was working on, it got a little crooked. You know, I probably write enough to put out a couple of records a year, but that doesn't mean that they would be good."

Black hopes to have the new album released by the end of the year.

Although Black takes his craft seriously, his shows are balanced with levity. "Coming from a place of my self-deprecating Irish deposition, I am of a mind that it's a beautiful world, it's a good place. That's how I was raised. And then you have to deal with a lot of things that do reside in a little darker spots. I think I'm okay with going there. I know that I have certainly felt my way around in the darkness plenty of times in my life and have somehow or another come out of it.

"I think you have to know some of those things to write about them. I have never been one to stand on that soapbox and preach, because I am generally a pretty happy person down in my core."

Black's advice to songwriters is to find your inspiration, and it's something

he sees coming to life in his teenaged children. His daughter has followed in his footsteps and is working towards releasing her debut album. "She's 14, and she's a million miles further than I was at her age," says Black. "And nothing gives me more joy than to see that.

"My son is an excellent athlete, and he's doing things that I was never brave enough to try as a kid. He works at it very hard."

Black manages a hectic touring schedule, about which he jokes, "It's a damned good thing that I love my job, and I figure that I sort of get paid to drive more than anything else. That's the only way I can make sense of it, because it is a very strange occupation.

"I am so lucky. I am a very fortunate man. I'm able to see the world and drag my guitar around with me and share some ideas with a lot of likeminded folks. You feel like you're doing something good, and that's a good thing these days."

Catch Black's performance at Seaside Friday, **May 19**, at 7:30 p.m. Purchase tickets at **LoveTheREP.com**. For updates on Black's upcoming album, poetry book and tour dates, visit **JeffBlack.com**.

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Music

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation Concert Season – R&B, Beach Music, Flow Tribe and More

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation presents nine wonderful ways to simultaneously celebrate friends and family, the great outdoors, and music under the summer sky.

This year MKAF presents the 22nd annual installation of the nine-week Concerts in the Village series every Thursday from May 4 through June 29 at the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village located at 4323 Commons Drive West in Destin.

Local, regional and national touring artists will hit the Dugas Pavilion stage to perform everything from Motown and modern rock to Caribbean rhythms, beachy blues, folk and funk. This year's roster includes two talented bands paying tribute to the timeless music of Eagles and rock legend Joe Cocker.

Here's this year's lineup. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the come-as-you-are family-friendly concerts start at 7.

MAY 4 Emerald Gold Niceville

Lead vocalist Rodney Wilson performs his popular Motown Revue, as well as other genres of R&B, classic rock and blues.

MAY 11 Flow Tribe New Orleans

This wildly popular band performs second line brass and Cuban-Caribbean rhythms with R&B, soul, rock and hip-hop beats. High-energy performers.

MAY 18 Fountain City Players Columbus, Georgia

This top-notch group of musicians performs a wide range of music—Motown, Top 40, pop, classic rock, oldies and variety songs.

MAY 25 Alter Eagles Largo, Florida

"These guys sounded so close to the original band it was scary," remarked one concertgoer.

JUNE 1 The Embers Featuring Craig Woolard Raleigh, North Carolina

Known as the heart and soul of beach music, the Embers' showmanship and musical chops have earned them

multiple industry awards, including Induction into the South Carolina Beach Music Hall of Fame.

JUNE 8 The Maxx Atlanta

This group brings the audience to their feet, with energetic choreography and eclectic sounds mixing classic oldies with today's pop.

JUNE 15 Tyler Kinchen and the Right Pieces Ponchatoula, Louisiana

Energetic R&B and funk, with hints of jazz, soul, world, pop, Latin, blues and folk.

JUNE 22 Triggerproof Gulfport, Mississippi

Back by popular demand, this talented cover band puts pop, rock, dance and Top 40 through the musical blender to recreate popular and classic hits that appeal to everyone.

JUNE 29 The Joe Band Ann Arbor, Michigan

A powerhouse tribute to rock great Joe Cocker ("You Are So Beautiful," "With a Little Help from My Friends").

Admission to each concert is \$15 for adults. Children 12 and under and MKAF members are FREE. Children under 17 must be accompanied by parent or guardian. All sales are final—sorry, no refunds. Pets, tables larger than two feet, and drones are not permitted. Bring a lawn chair, picnic and wine or purchase soft drinks and dinner prepared by featured restaurants or food trucks on site.

The concert series continues with the 9th Annual Labor Day Weekend Concert Sunday, **Sept. 3**, and a brand new four-show fall series Thursdays starting **Sept. 14**.

The Concerts in the Village series is made possible by the generous support of local individuals, businesses and media partners. For more information on how you can become a member of MKAF, gain benefits as an event sponsor, provide a donation or explore opportunities to get involved on a committee of the Board of Directors, call 850-650-2226 or visit **MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org**.

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Bush Black and White Rainbows Zuma Rock Records



I'm not sure why "Dystopia" is the track most promoted from Bush's new album, because it isn't the best. Nor is "Peace-S," which clunks instead of rocks. The strength of this album is in some of the more introspective tracks like "Mad Love" and "Lost in You"—downright beautiful, enticing enough for repeat listening. It isn't head banging, earsplitting rock by any means, but the authentic sound of these songs and several more make the album worthwhile.

- Joni Williams

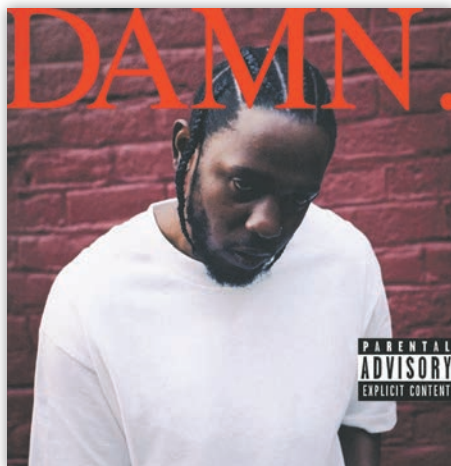
Kevin Eubanks East West Time Line Mack Avenue Records



Guitarist and former *Tonight Show* band music director Eubanks pulled together an A-list combo for *East West Time Line* (a *Tonight Show* reference, maybe?). Sitting in with Eubanks are Jeff "Tain" Watts (drums), Orrin Evans (piano), Rene Camacho (bass) and Nicholas Payton (trumpet), among others. At times you'd think you were listening to some vintage '50s West Coast small-combo fare. Then it takes off and gets more modern, with fast-paced straight-ahead and even a little Latino ("Cubano Chant"). It's a tribute to the unselfishness and synchronicity of the musicians that you come away thinking each one was the leader.

- Bruce Collier

Kendrick Lamar DAMN. Interscope / Top Dawg Entertainment



Lamar is beyond having to prove himself, and yet he continues to challenge his greatness and expectations more consistently and skillfully than any other working musician. On Lamar's fourth album, the world is looking at him as a prophet, and he is vocal about the pressure that comes with that role as he raps and sings relentlessly about his concerns with humanity, humility, and fate. Lamar is one of the greatest storytellers of our time, and he continues to look to his roots in Compton as the base of his work and selfhood. *DAMN.* is an energizing force full of declarations on the human condition, the public eye, and survival as a black man in America.

- Jane Morgan

Francie Moon So This Is Life Land Bridge Records



Music, like most art, is one of the most gloriously subjective topics. Trends come and go, old becomes new again, but there is always this elusive "it" factor. Passion has this way of being transferred to from the performer to the listener in unexplainable ways. Francie Moon doesn't just sing these songs, she attacks them. This is a fantastic raw garage blues recording full of breath and vocal flutters—passion, not polish.

- Nikki Hedrick

William Parker & Stefano Scodanibbio Bass Duo Centering Records



Bass Duo was just released a few weeks ago, but the actual (live) recording was made in 2008 at a jazz festival in Udine, Italy. Bassists Parker and Scodanibbio brought comparably impressive musical résumés to the gig, their one and only session together (Scodanibbio died in 2012). The five tracks (numbered I-V, in good ancient Italian Free Jazz fashion) bring the players together right away, and they stay hitched throughout, riding without apparent effort over a pulsing, grooving, tapping surface. It's a real conversation of peers, by turns talking, arguing, growling, strolling, and occasionally even skipping and dancing.

- Bruce Collier

Shamir Hope Self-released



Hope is the product of one weekend of recording alone in a bedroom with nothing but a four-track—a weekend Shamir entered thinking he would quit music forever. The album, which he surprise released for free on SoundCloud, is a major departure from 2015's dance-pop sensation *Ratchet*. Shamir describes *Hope* as his coming-out story—a lo-fi declaration of who he is as an artist and person, and an admission of how taxing music and

expectations can be. His emotional release is tangible in the rawness of his voice and the buzz of the guitar amp. *Hope* is a lesson in looking inward and working through hopelessness to create your own freedom.

- Jane Morgan

Bo Springs Band Bo Springs Band Independent



From just up the road in Port St Joe, this Americana band knows how to dole out a slow southern ballad and jazz-backed New Orleans vibes making you want to move your feet. Americana music should be about taking all of American music influences to help tell stories—not being afraid to tackle just how faceted our roots music is. Bo Springs Band conquers any style they take on. It's a stellar debut album from the band.

- Nikki Hedrick

Nathan Worthey Looking Back Independent



Worthey's smooth soulful voice is a welcome addition to the Beachcomberland music scene. The five-track EP artfully showcases his adult-pop sensibilities with songs about new love and life's winding journeys. While each song has its own flavor and instrumental flair, together they create a pitch-perfect snapshot of Worthey as an artist.

- Nikki Hedrick

Live Music

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BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

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MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 p.m.

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MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin, SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30AVENUE, Inlet Beach
BEN LOFTIN BAND, 6-9 p.m.

THE TIPSYPIG, Fort Walton Beach
SPUTZY, 6-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 8 p.m.-Midnight

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 p.m.-Midnight

THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach
BILLY AND THE BANDITOS, 2-5 p.m.
SMILIN’ FRITZ AND THE HOO DOO DADDYS, 5-8 p.m.
Cinco de Mayo celebration.

THE BOATHOUSE LANDING, Valparaiso
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.

FORT WALTON BEACH LANDING
GRAPE DRINK, 6-8 p.m.
Concerts on the Landing, presented by 102.1 “The Wave” radio.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
POST PLUTO, 9 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
LEO STOKES, 4-7 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.
ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

LOS CABOS MEXICAN GRILL, Navarre
CHRISTINA ALCONCEL, 5 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
COCONUT RADIO, 5 p.m.

MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, Niceville, MattieKellyArtsCenter.org
NORTHWEST FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, 7 p.m.
Stars of Tomorrow Concert

MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin
CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside, modicamarket.com
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SANDESTIN BEACH CLUB, Miramar Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 1 p.m.

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, 30asongwriterradio.com
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO, Destin
SPUTZY, 7-10 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.
FLASH FLOOD DUO, 7-11 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BT TURNER, 3 p.m.
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 8 p.m.-Midnight

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 p.m.-Midnight

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

BROTULA’S, Destin
FLASH FLOOD DUO, 2-6 p.m.

COASTERS, Fort Walton Beach
THE MOON LAGOONS, 11 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Pensacola
CHORAL SOCIETY OF PENSACOLA, 7:30 p.m.
Serenely beautiful music. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$25 for reserved section. More at choralsocietyofpensacola.org.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SIDE PROJECT, 9 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
DANNY McNEIL, 4-7 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BO ADAMS, 5-9 p.m.
ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach
CHRISTINA ALCONCEL, Noon

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
GRITS N PIECES, 5 p.m.

THE ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 6 p.m.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin, SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SEASIDE, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 8 a.m.
Seaside Farmers Market

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

3RD PLANET BREWING, Niceville
PURPLE MONKEY, 6 p.m.

THE TIPSYPIG, Fort Walton Beach
WATERZEDGE, 7-11 p.m.

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

AJ’S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9 p.m.



Beachcomberland Musicians

RON ADAMS
American Music Entertainer
www.ronadamsentertainment.com

CADILLAC WILLY
Rock/Jam/Cover Band
www.cadillacwilly.com

AUSTIN JENNINGS
Pop/Acoustic/Soul
www.reverbnation.com/austinjennings

KICKSTAND JENNY
Rock
www.kickstandjenny.com

MATT McCARTY QUINTET
Jazz
mattmccarty.com

NEW EARTH ARMY
Blues/Rock/Funk
theneweartharmy.net

THE RIPS
Surfy Roots Rock
theripstunes.com

DEAN SADOWSKI
Beach/Country/Classic Rock
deansadowski@yahoo.com

SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN
Folked-up Prog Rock
www.SNTSB.com

STRANGE TANG
Hip-Hop/Alternative Rap
www.iheartstrangetang.com

SWAY JAH VU
Reggae/Rock
www.swayjahvu.com

BT TURNER
Tropical Rock/Country
facebook.com/BTTurnerMusic

If you’d like to be listed here, please email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

Live Music

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 4-8 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 8 p.m.-Midnight

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk,
Okaloosa Island
JAMAH TERRY of HERITAGE, 5-9 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk
Village, CrabIslandCantina.com
BT TURNER, 1 p.m.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL
CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON
WALLACE, et.al., 11 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
MATT McCARTY’s Jazz Jam, 7-10 p.m.

HIBISCUS, Santa Rosa Beach
MARI GLEASON, 10 a.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
COLE JORDAN, 6-10 p.m.

JUANA’S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 3 p.m.

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin
HOPE GIVEN, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

SANDESTIN BEACH CLUB, Miramar Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 10 a.m.

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD”
JACKSON, 11 a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT – “SMILIN’” FRITZ FROESCHNER,
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 8

AJ’S, Destin
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9 p.m.

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
MOSE WILSON AND THE DELTA TWANG, 8 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR,
Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
JASON FINDLEY, 6-10 p.m.

KC’S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 7-11 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 2-5 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TUESDAY, MAY 9

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk,
Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 5-9 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
Open Mic Night with MIKE INGRAM, 8 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 p.m.

THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin
HUGH MITCHELL & THE HIGH TIDE, 5-7 p.m.
Pop & Shop Concerts

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa
Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin, SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE,
Santa Rosa Beach, 30asongwriterradio.com
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7-11 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk,
Okaloosa Island
THREE BEAN SOUP, 5-9 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

BROTULA’S, Destin
KRISTEN KUIPER, 5 p.m.

CABANA CAFE, Miramar Beach
SPUTZY, 7-11 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin,
captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,
850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
CONTINUUM, 8 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton
Beach
Wailin’ Blues Wednesdays Starring FINGA FAYA,
8 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
JUSTIN YAWN, 5 p.m.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION,
Santa Rosa Beach
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic Hosted by
CHRISTIAN MAYES

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin, SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE,
Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE,
Santa Rosa Beach, 30asongwriterradio.com
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF,
Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
SELWYN BIRCHWOOD, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday Night Concert Series. See panel for
more info on Florida’s rising young blues star.

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER,
Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BT TURNER, 7 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk,
Okaloosa Island
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin,
captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
THE MOON LAGOONS, 9 p.m.

GRAYTON BEER COMPANY, Santa Rosa
Beach
KRISTEN KUIPER, 5 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 5-8 p.m.

HAMMERHEAD’S, Village of Baytowne
Wharf
WATERZEDGE, 7-11 p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin,
emeraldgrande.com
CONTINUUM, 6 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7 p.m.

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

MAY 5

The Afghan Whigs, *In Spades* (Also on Vinyl)
Julie Andrews, et al., *Julie’s Greenroom: Music
from the Netflix Original Series*
At the Drive-In, *in*ter*a*ll*a*
Blondie, *Pollinator* (Also on Vinyl)
Bonnie Prince Billy, *Best Troubadour* (Also on
Vinyl)
Diana Krall, *Turn Up the Quiet*
Patti LaBelle, *Bel Hommage*
Taj Mahal / Keb’ Mo,’ *TajMo*
Ozomatli, *Non-Stop: Mexico to Jamaica*
Chris Stapleton, *From a Room: Volume 1* (Also on
Vinyl)
Robin Trower, *Time and Emotion*
*Cover Stories: Brandi Carlike Celebrates 10 Years
of The Story—An Album to Benefit War Child.*
With Adele, Pearl Jam, Dolly Parton and more.

MAY 12

Zac Brown Band, *Welcome Home*
Dion, *Kickin’ Child: 1965 Columbia
Recordings* (Also on Vinyl)
Juanes, *Mis planes son amarte* (CD/
DVD)
Janiva Magness, *Blue Again*
Manic Street Preachers, *Send Away
the Tigers: 10 Year Collectors’
Edition* (Also on Vinyl)
New Kids on the Block, *Thankful*
Paramore, *After Laughter*
Todd Rundgren, *White Knight*
Seether, *Poison the Parish*
Harry Styles, *Harry Styles* (Also on
Vinyl)
Warrant, *Louder Harder Faster*
Paul Weller, *A Kind Revolution*

Sources: pauseandplay.com

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 p.m.

MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin
FLOW TRIBE, 7 p.m. (\$15)

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin
DJ CHARLES, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

MOSEY’S, Panama City Beach
THE YOUNG STEP – DINOSAUR DAZE – PINNER

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RICK’S CRAB TRAP, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 6 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin, SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30AVENUE, Inlet Beach
YAMADEO, 6-9 p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach
SPUTZY, 6-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

AJ’S, Grayton Beach
CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 8 p.m.-Midnight

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island
NAKD, 8 p.m.-Midnight

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.

ERNIE’S DOCKSIDE CAFE, Niceville
RON ADAMS, 7 p.m.

FORT WALTON BEACH LANDING
SIDE PROJECT, 6-8 p.m.
Concerts on the Landing, presented by 102.1 “The Wave” radio.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
NEW EARTH ARMY, 9 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
THE YOUNG STEP – DINOSAUR DAZE

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
DRU CARTER, 4-7 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.
MODERATE CHOP, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
ALVARADO ROAD SHOW, 5 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside, modicamarket.com
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin, SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

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Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO, Destin
SPUTZY, 7-10 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.
FLASH FLOOD DUO, 7-11 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BT TURNER, 3 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island
NAKD, 8 p.m.-Midnight

BOSHAMPS, Destin
BOUKOU GROOVE, 7 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

BROTULA’S, Destin
FLASH FLOOD DUO, 2-6 p.m.

CIAO BELLA, Niceville
RETROACTIVE, 7-10 p.m.

CLUB LA, Destin
MUSHROOMHEAD – SUNFLOWER DEAD – THE BROWNING

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
COLE WASHBURN, 7 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
ED WRANN, 4-7 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BO ADAMS, 5-9 p.m.
100 DOLLAR CAR, 9 p.m.

THE ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

AJ’S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9 p.m.

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 4-8 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 8 p.m.-Midnight

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island
JAMAH TERRY of HERITAGE, 5-9 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village, CrabIslandCantina.com
BT TURNER, 1 p.m.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et.al., 11 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
MATT McCARTY’s Jazz Jam, 7-10 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
COLE JORDAN, 6-10 p.m.

JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITAVILLE, HarborWalk Village
DERRICK DORSEY, 9 p.m.

JUANA’S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 3 p.m.



Birchwood Brings the Blues to Baytowne Concert Series May 10



Publicity Photo

Florida’s rising young blues star Selwyn Birchwood will give a FREE performance as part of the Wednesday Night Concert Series at the Village of Baytowne Wharf Events Plaza in Miramar Beach Wednesday, **May 10**, at 7 p.m.

Birchwood received both the Blues Music Award and Living Blues Critics’ Award for Best Debut Album Of 2014 for his Alligator Records LP *Don’t Call No Ambulance*.

Birchwood is a guitar and lap-steel-playing bundle of pure energy who

delivers his original songs with a revival tent preacher’s fervor and a natural storyteller’s charisma. He plays high-octane blues—at once deeply rooted, funky and up-to-the-minute—with true passion and honest emotion.

Living Blues says, “Selwyn Birchwood is making waves, surprising people and defying expectations. Be on the lookout. He revels in the unexpected.”

Birchwood’s new album, *Pick Your Poison*, will be released on **May 19**.

Live Music

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
CADILLAC ATTACK, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin
HOPE GIVEN, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD”
JACKSON, 11 a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT – “SMILIN” FRITZ FROESCHNER,
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 15

AJ’S, Destin
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9 p.m.

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
MOSE WILSON AND THE DELTA TWANG, 8 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR,
Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
JASON FINDLEY, 6-10 p.m.

KC’S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 7-11 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
DREW TILLMAN, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU,
Fort Walton Beach
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk,
Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 5-9 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
Open Mic Night with MIKE INGRAM, 8 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
WILL & LINDA, 5 p.m.

THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin
BOUKOU GROOVE, 5-7 p.m.
Pop & Shop Concerts

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 2-5 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa
Beach
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RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE,
Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND
COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,
www.30asongwriterradio.com
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU,
Fort Walton Beach
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY,
Okaloosa Island
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7-11 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk,
Okaloosa Island
THREE BEAN SOUP, 5-9 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

CABANA CAFE, Miramar Beach
SPUTZY, 7-11 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin,
captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,
850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CONTINUUM, 8 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL,
Fort Walton Beach
Wailin’ Blues Wednesdays Starring FINGA FAYA,
8 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
LEE YANKIE, 5 p.m.
Lee has been performing as a solo and with
his band Lee & the Hellz Yeah since 2004. He’s
currently working on a new solo album called
The Leavin’ Sound, which is sure to be filled to
the gills with blues rock, down home gospel, R&B
and soulful country.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic Hosted by
CHRISTIAN MAYES

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE,
Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND
COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,
www.30asongwriterradio.com
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF,
Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
BIG AL & THE HEAVYWEIGHTS, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday Night Concert Series

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Fort Walton Beach
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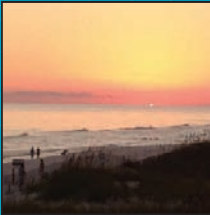
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5:30PM

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11:00PM

AWKWARD

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SATURDAY, MAY 13

9:00AM

REVENGE OF THE PIGS

30a Learning Academy Theatre Troupe

30a Learning Academy is excited to present their rendition of, Revenge of the Pigs. Revenge of the Pigs is a comedic spin on the classic tale of the three little pigs.

11:00AM

THE FISHERMAN AND HIS WIFE AND OTHER STORIES

St. John Catholic School Theatre Artists

"This Radio play is nothing to carp about..." Relax and enjoy a comedic retelling of the classic folk tale, The Magic Fish. What would you ask for if you knew your wish would be granted? The fisherman and his wife find out, and they don't agree on what is important.

1:00PM

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Produced by Youth Village

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8:00PM

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11:00AM

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5:00PM

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Show Rating: 13 and up
Show Includes: Strong Language, Sexual Themes, Age Restrictions
Running Time: 60 Minutes
Genre: Magic, Comedy
www.matthewholtzclaw.com, www.gulfcoast.edu/arts
Sunday, May 14th at 6:30PM & Thursday, May 18th at 7:30PM

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9 Muses Theatre

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Show Rating: 13+
Show Includes: Some Light Strong Language, Described Violence Not Committed
Running Time: 75 Minutes
Genre: Drama
9 Muses Theatre on Facebook
Saturday, May 13th at 7PM & Saturday, May 20th at 3PM

AWKWARD
Choose Your Own Adventure Productions

The story of friends, love, rivalry and rolling for attacks.

While dealing with one of their friends moving away to college these five best friends endure, crazy family members, the love of their life, a tormenting jock, and above all trying to finish their game before time runs out.

Show Rating: 13+
Running Time: 40 minutes
Genre: Nerd Comedy
Friday, May 12th at 11PM & Saturday, May 20th at 8:30PM

CURSE OF THE PEARL
Aerial Teen Performance Company

The Curse of the Pearl is an inspired artistic musical representation of the Pirates of the Caribbean Movies.

Brought to you by Aerial Dance Panama City Instructors and Teen Performance Company. Performed on Aerial apparatuses most notably seen in Cirque du Soleil. Watch the aerial pirates swing and sail through the air and meet mystical creatures like the sirens of the sea. The characters of the famous Jack Sparrow and sad story of Davy Jones will be portrayed. You are not going to want to miss the Aerialists in this adventure on the sails of the Black Pearl.

Show Rating: All Ages
Running Time: 30 Minute
Genre: Fantasy, Children's Performance
www.aerialdancepanamacity.com
Saturday, May 13th at 5:30PM & Friday, May 19th at 6:30PM

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Show Rating: 18+
Show Includes: Strong Language, Sexual Themes, and Age Restrictions
Running Time: 35 Minutes
Genre: Comedy
<https://m.facebook.com/gcscplayers>
Sunday, May 14th at 9PM & Friday, May 19th at 10PM

DOES LINGUIST RHYME
WITH ENGLISH
Harrison Baxley

While Cathy and Rachel become experts in the art of language, they struggle with it's most basic form: communicating with another human.

A young linguist named Rachel starts studying under a seasoned expert, Cathy. We watch the two as they express themselves through essays, poetry, and, debate. They break down theories by Noam Chomsky, Steven Pinker, argue on the topic of Shakespeare's authorship, and question the importance of art, but while they become experts in language, they struggle to grasp its most basic form, communicating with another human.

Show Rating: 13+
Running Time: 30 min
Show Includes: Strong Language
Genre: Comedy/Drama
Saturday, May 13th at 9PM & Saturday, May 20th at 5:30PM



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HALF FULL
The Tiny Warriors: Written by Cana Sylvester and Justin Duncan

Lisa, a life coach, and Morty, a suicide hotline operator and aspiring greeting card writer, toast their last night together.

Show Rating: 18+
Running Time: 15 Minutes
Show Includes: Strong Language, Sexual Themes
Genre: Comedy
Sunday, May 14th at 8PM & Saturday, May 20th at 10PM

THE LITTLE MERMAID
Emerald Coast Theatre Company's TYA Program

Two actors bring to life the classic tale by Hans Christian Andersen! This Theatre for Young Audience's Show is perfectly designed for the children of our community.

Far below the crashing waves of the ocean's surface and into its deepest depths we meet a young mermaid on a quest to find love. Enthrallled by the unknown world above the sea's shell, she finds herself falling in love with a mysterious human. ECTC actors take the stage and transport you and your family to beneath the sea in this Theater for Young Audience's show.

Show Rating: All Ages
Running Time: 45 Minutes
Genre: Children's Performance
www.EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
Saturday, May 20th at 11:00AM

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ECTC Performance Troupe

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Running Time: 40 Minutes
Show Rating: All Ages
Genre: Musical Revue, Children's Performance
Saturday, May 13th at 1:00PM & Sunday, May 21st at 2:00PM

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WEST 171 PRODUCTIONS

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Show Rating: 18+
Show Includes: Strong Language, Sexual Themes, Age Restrictions
Running Time: 50-60 Minutes
Genre: Comedy Cabaret (musical)
Friday, May 12th at 9PM & Saturday, May 13th at 10:30PM

MY BARISTA! A MUSICAL STARRING REDD
Anne Hunter

Starring Helen Redd from Redds Fueling Station, the singing bartender from Redd's Fueling Station, MY BARISTA! is a sketch comedy and variety show created by Anne Hunte.

My BARISTA show centers around a famous coffee-slinger and her summer job working as a barista for a notorious real estate developer at his new urbanist coffee shop on the Gulf of Mexico. In each show, REDD relives the summer over and over again, while the patrons of her coffee shop, played by a varying cast of repertory actors and local celebrity guests, present new parodies of contemporary culture and politics on Scenic Highway 30A — with soulful music, riotous humor, and the infamous REDD, performing as herself.

Show Rating: 18+
Show Includes: Strong Language, Nudity, Sexual Themes
Running Time: 45 Minutes
Genre: Musical Theatre - Comedy/Satirical
annehuntergalleries.com/my-barista-a-musical/
Saturday, May 13th at 2:30PM & Sunday, May 14th at 2:00PM

NARRATIVE VERSE WITH AN ATTITUDE
The Live Bard

Is modern poetry too maudlin? Too obscure? Well, sit down and strap in because these tales in meter and rhyme, recited by the author, bluntly explore human foibles and celebrate bawdy revelry.

For the past twelve years, Peter Thomas has traveled the country, appearing before audiences as "The Live Bard," giving dramatic recitations of classic works of 19th Century "narrative verse." For this upcoming performance, this "affable iconoclast" will recite, in meter and rhyme, his own curmudgeonly tales, offering a droll assessment of the human condition.

Show Rating: 13+
Show Includes: Age Restrictions
Running Time: 60 Minutes
Genre: Spoken Word
www.livebard.com
Friday, May 12th at 5:30PM & Friday, May 19th at 8PM

PANDORA'S REVENGE (PAT COOK)
Wilboski Productions

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Show Rating: 18+
Show Includes: Strong Language
Other Concerns: Topics could be considered disturbing or philosophical in nature.
Running Time: 30 Minutes
Genre: Dark Comedy / Drama
Sunday, May 14th at 5:30PM

RAMEN NOODLES AND CHAMPAGNE
Franco

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Show Rating: 18+
Show Includes: Strong Language, Nudity, Violence, Sexual Themes, Age Restrictions
Other Concerns: Strong Language, show contains F word multiple times
Running Time:
Genre: Comedy, Stand Up
Thursday, May 18th at 9PM & Saturday, May 20th at 11PM

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Show Rating: All Ages
Running Time: 60 Minutes
Genre: Comedy, Children's Performance
www.30alearningacademy.com
Saturday, May 13th at 9am

ROADKILL, NEW MEXICO
Liz Cain

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Running Time: 55 min
Show Rating: 13+
Genre: Comedy, New Play Staged Reading
Sunday, May 14th at 3:30PM & Sunday, May 21st at 3:30PM

SIT A SPELL WITH SEAN OF THE SOUTH
Sean of the South

Sean of the South, Sean Dietrich, shares heartfelt sentiments on life, loss, and the Great American South.

Sean Dietrich takes his audience on a brief story-telling journey, topped with heartfelt sentiments on life, loss, and the Great American South. He shares stories of laughter, triumph, heartache, underdogs, and rebirth, in a series of recollections and rural wit. Dietrich's unique brand of nostalgia, along with tales of real people, is delivered with heart.

Show Rating: All ages
Running Time: 45 minutes
Genre: Storytelling
seandietrich.com
Friday, May 12th at 7:30PM & Saturday, May 20th at 7PM

Performances will be at
560 Grand Blvd, upstairs.

SWEET STORM
Treehouse Productions

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Show Rating: All Ages
Running Time: 45 Minutes
Genre: Improv Comedy, Children's Performance
www.NelliesYouthVillage.org
Saturday, May 13th at 4PM & Saturday, May 20th at 1PM

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PET OF THE ISSUE

SUBMITTED BY KIMBERLY WHITE



Xena, a two-and-a-half year old German shepherd, relaxes in a bed of lilies in "Xenaland" (also known as her humans' backyard).

Xena loves splashing around at the beach and chasing sticks, but she's not as enthusiastic about getting a bath afterward.



This is Xena's default sleeping position. Scary? Dangerous? Fierce? Anyone with a German shepherd in the family knows these dogs are just big goofballs at heart.

Xena's holiday head bobble tradition. She's still trying to decide what to do for Billy Bowlegs.





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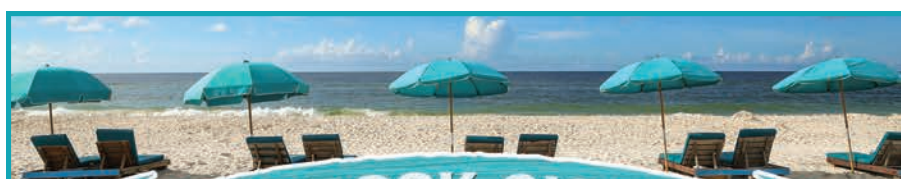


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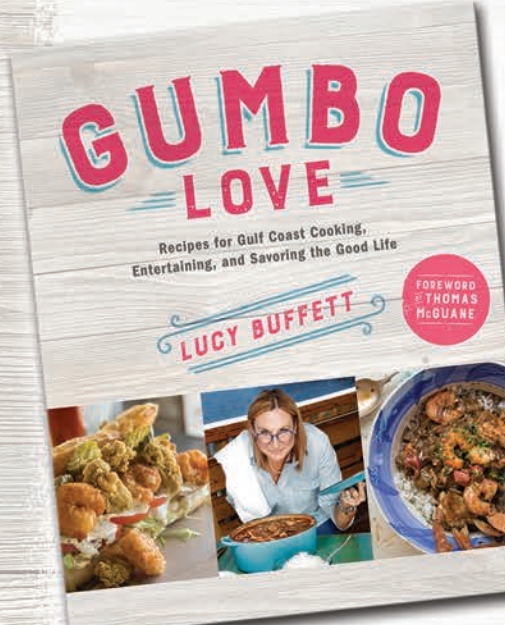
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Events

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Men, women and children of all ages are invited to follow the New Orleans style jazz band for a short walk through the streets of Rosemary Beach. Decorate your shoes (heels are suggested but not required), and wear costumes to reflect your style and personality. Walk as an individual or enter as a team with your family, friends and co-workers!

Cost is \$30 for adults, and \$10 for children under 12. Sign up at **walkherway.com**.

Registration includes admission to the after party in the Rosemary Beach Town Hall. Attendees will enjoy live music by **Totally Hep-Cats**,

along with food and beer provided by Bruno's Pizza, Freshii, Shades Bar & Grill and Smallcakes Cupcakery.

One-of-a-kind "Shoe" awards created by Walton County teachers and students will be given for the highest heels, best costume, most spirit and more.

Walk Her Way benefits Shelter House, the domestic and sexual violence center serving Okaloosa and Walton counties, and Rosemary Beach Foundation, a nonprofit organization that offers community, educational and other charitable activities in Walton County.

Event sponsors include Rosemary Beach Cottage Rental Company, Rosemary Beach Realty, the Pearl, the Merchants of Rosemary Beach, Moonpize, Rent Gear Here, McNeese Title Company, Bombora Sun & Surf, Perspicacity, and Rosemary Beach Trading Company.

– Malayne DeMars

Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your May 18-31 events by 5 p.m. Thursday, **May 11**, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

FITNESS ON THE LAWN

The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
themarketshops.com
FREE and open to individuals of all fitness levels. No registration required, but bring your own mat.

THURSDAY, MAY 4- SUNDAY, MAY 7

BURNING UP THE BEACHES

Various Locations
burningupthebeaches.com
This is the Arc of the Emerald Coast's seventh classic car weekend, with the car show itself being held Saturday, **May 6**, at Destin Commons from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

FITNESS ON THE LAWN

The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
themarketshops.com

FRIENDS GUILD OF THE DESTIN LIBRARY LUNCHEON

Tuscany Italian Bistro, Destin, 11 a.m.
850-654-5476
A Kentucky Derby-themed event, with prizes for the most attractive and creative hats. Tickets are \$20 and include entree, beverage, tax and gratuity. Call the number above or email friendsofthedestinlibrary@gmail.com.

ROTARY CLUB OF DESTIN'S 5TH ANNUAL CAJUN CRAWFISH BASH

Warren Averett CPA & Advisors, Destin, 5:30-9 p.m.
850-837-1071
Fresh crawfish from Louisiana with the traditional potatoes and corn on the cob, plus burgers, dogs and barbecued chicken. **The Fais Do-Do Band** performs. Tickets are \$30 in advance (\$10 for children under 12 and FREE for ages 3 and under), \$35 day of event. Purchase at Newman-Dailey Resort Properties or call the number above. Event proceeds will benefit Food for Thought, Harvest House, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast, the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation's education outreach

program, and the Rotary Club of Destin's Scholarship Fund.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF THE EMERALD COAST DERBY PARTY

Emerald Bay Golf Club, Destin, 3-7 p.m.
jlec.org
The annual fundraiser features a live showing of the Kentucky Derby along with silent auction, Run for the Roses raffle, contests, mint juleps and more. Tickets are \$55. For more information and sponsorship/donation opportunities, call 850-460-8980 or email hq@jlec.org.

MOTHER OF ALL BURGER BATTLES

Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, 3-7 p.m.
motherofallburgerbattles.com
The grills will be hot, the beer will be cold, and you'll be the judge. This event brings the best Beachcomberland's restaurants together in competition to be crowned as creator of the "The Mother of All Burgers." Plus—live bands performing on the amphitheater stage. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 day of event. Entry for children 12 and under is FREE; however, a food ticket must be presented for all food samples.

MONDAY, MAY 8

FITNESS ON THE LAWN

The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
themarketshops.com

TUESDAY, MAY 9

FITNESS ON THE LAWN

The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
themarketshops.com

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

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Camille's, Destin, 3-5 p.m.
Wine, music, appetizers and a perfect view of the Gulf.

FITNESS ON THE LAWN

The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
themarketshops.com



More than 300 "down to earth" locals of all ages—including 15-year-old Ora Wolfgram, pictured here—joined the global effort to March for Science on Earth Day 2017. Fort Walton Beach High School science teacher Cyndi Stone led the peaceful protest, which began a two-mile march that staged from the Emerald Coast Science Center. Marchers wore pro-environment t-shirts, carried hand-painted signs and chanted slogans such as "Science Not Silence" and "There Is No Planet B."

Photo by Zandra Wolfgram.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER Contemporary service, 9 a.m. Traditional and youth services at 11 a.m. Weekend beachside services begin at 7:30 a.m. at Henderson Beach State Park Memorial Day weekend. 200 Beach Drive, Destin. 850-837-2021.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at

10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sundays 8 a.m. worship, 9:15 bible study, 10:30 worship, 4325 Commons Drive, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason

Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.

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SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. www.saintritaeparish.org.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays.

3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or www.shorelinechurch.net.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.

Events

LIVE TRIVIA

World of Beer, Destin Commons, 7:30 p.m.
Test your knowledge of useless information and score prizes.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

FITNESS ON THE LAWN

The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
themarketshops.com

2017 FINEST ON THE EMERALD COAST

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 6 p.m.
EventBrite.com
Celebrate the cream of the crop with food and drinks, live music, and fireworks at 9. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 day of event.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

FITNESS ON THE LAWN

The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
themarketshops.com

SATURDAY, MAY 13

LOCAL SUPPORT INITIATIVE DINNER FOR DESTIN HARVEST

La Paz, 6 p.m.
chris@destinharvest.org
Local business owners and active members of the community are invited to enjoy a fajita dinner as Destin Harvest shares highlights from the past 10 years of local food rescue and hunger relief efforts.

MOTHER'S DAY VICTORIAN TEA

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 2 p.m.
850-678-2615
Men, women and children (ages 6 and up) are invited to kick it old school. Cost is \$16 per person (\$13 for museum members). Advance registration required.

SUNDAY, MAY 14-SATURDAY, MAY 20

SEASIDE WRITERS CONFERENCE

Seaside, Santa Rosa Beach
SeasideWritersConference.com
As part of Art Week South Walton, the Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County offers a full week of intensive writing workshops, one-day seminars, agent consultations, school outreach programs and social events. The conference, which takes place in Seaside's Academic Village, provides an opportunity for beginning, intermediate and advanced writers to network, hone their craft, and celebrate writing. Guest authors are **Chris Offutt** (*True Blood, Weeds*) and **Antonya Nelson** (*Funny Once, Live to Tell*). Visit the website above to register.

MONDAY, MAY 15

FITNESS ON THE LAWN

The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
themarketshops.com

WINE TASTING

Twisted Grape, Shalimar, 6-9 p.m.
twistedgrapewinebar.com
Cost is \$7.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

FITNESS ON THE LAWN

The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
themarketshops.com

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

FITNESS ON THE LAWN

The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
themarketshops.com

LIVE TRIVIA

World of Beer, Destin Commons, 7:30 p.m.
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Family-Friendly Events

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Cuddlers and Toddlers Storytime at Destin Library, 9:30 a.m. For ages up to 4.

Lapsit Storytime at Crestview Library, 10:15 a.m. For ages up to 2.

Lapsit Storytime at Fort Walton Beach Library, 10:30 a.m. For babies and preschoolers.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Seaside Dance Fest Lecture and Demonstration at Seaside Amphitheater, 6 p.m. World-class professional dance artists demonstrate and discuss dance trends and styles including modern, jazz and classical ballet.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Princesses of Paradise Special Needs Pageant at South Walton High School, Santa Rosa Beach, 2 p.m. Girls of any age with any disability are welcome to sign up for the pageant.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Fore Her Tea at Vue on 30a, Santa Rosa Beach, 1-3 p.m. Time to get out your finest pearls and fanciest hats for an afternoon of tea benefitting **Fore Her**. Enjoy tea, great food, a fabulous view, raffle prizes and a silent auction. This year's guest speaker is **Jessica Jarosz** from Support Emerald Coast. A perfect event for moms, daughters and groups of girlfriends to get together for a tea party while raising funds for local women with breast cancer. More at foreher.org.

MONDAY, MAY 8

Military Monday at Bounce Party Playzone, Santa Rosa Mall, Mary Esther.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Kids Night Out at Fired Up!, Seaside, 6-8:30 p.m. For ages 6-12. Reserve a spot at firedupseaside.com.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Lego Club at Walton County Coastal Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 3:30-4:30 p.m. All

supplies provided. Call Linda at 850-267-2809 for more info.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Starfish Family Workshop at Artists at Gulf Place, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Join our pal **John Hollan** for a *Starfish Family* book signing, along with activities for all ages. Cost is \$15. Call 850-622-0400 or visit artistsatgulfplace.com. Check out the other great activities at Gulf Place, too, including jewelry workshops and mixed media classes.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Kids Night Out, various locations in Okaloosa and Walton counties. More at emeraldcoastkids.org/kids-night-out.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

First Annual Hit-A-Thon for the Studer Family Children's Hospital at Morgan Sports Complex, Destin, 9 a.m.-noon. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach our children the importance of giving and that anyone (big or small) can make a difference. Call or text 850-585-7842 for more info.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

Disney on Ice Presents "Worlds of Enchantment" at Pensacola Bay Center, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 15

Kids Eat FREE, various locations in Okaloosa and Walton counties. More at emeraldcoastkids.org.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

Lego Club at Freeport Library, 3-4 p.m. Kids from grades K-5 are invited to play and create. Call Nicole at 850-835-2040 for more info.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17


Visor Glam with Patty at Artists at Gulf Place, Santa Rosa Beach, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Make and wear a hand-decorated sun visor. Cost is \$12-17. Call 850-622-0400 or visit artistsatgulfplace.com.

- Kellyanne Bartleson,
EmeraldCoastKids.org



Musical Echoes, one of the largest Native American flute and heritage festivals in the country, returned to the Landing in Fort Walton Beach last month. Nanticoke Cherokee Ed Winddancer, pictured with a fan, plays America's oldest woodwind instrument—he calls it “a gift from the woodpecker who made beautiful holes in the flute.” This year's theme honored the horse, which symbolizes the wind, loyalty, devotion, unconditional love, friendship and companionship. For a list of 2017 winners for flute playing, flute making and Native American art, visit musicaechoes.org.

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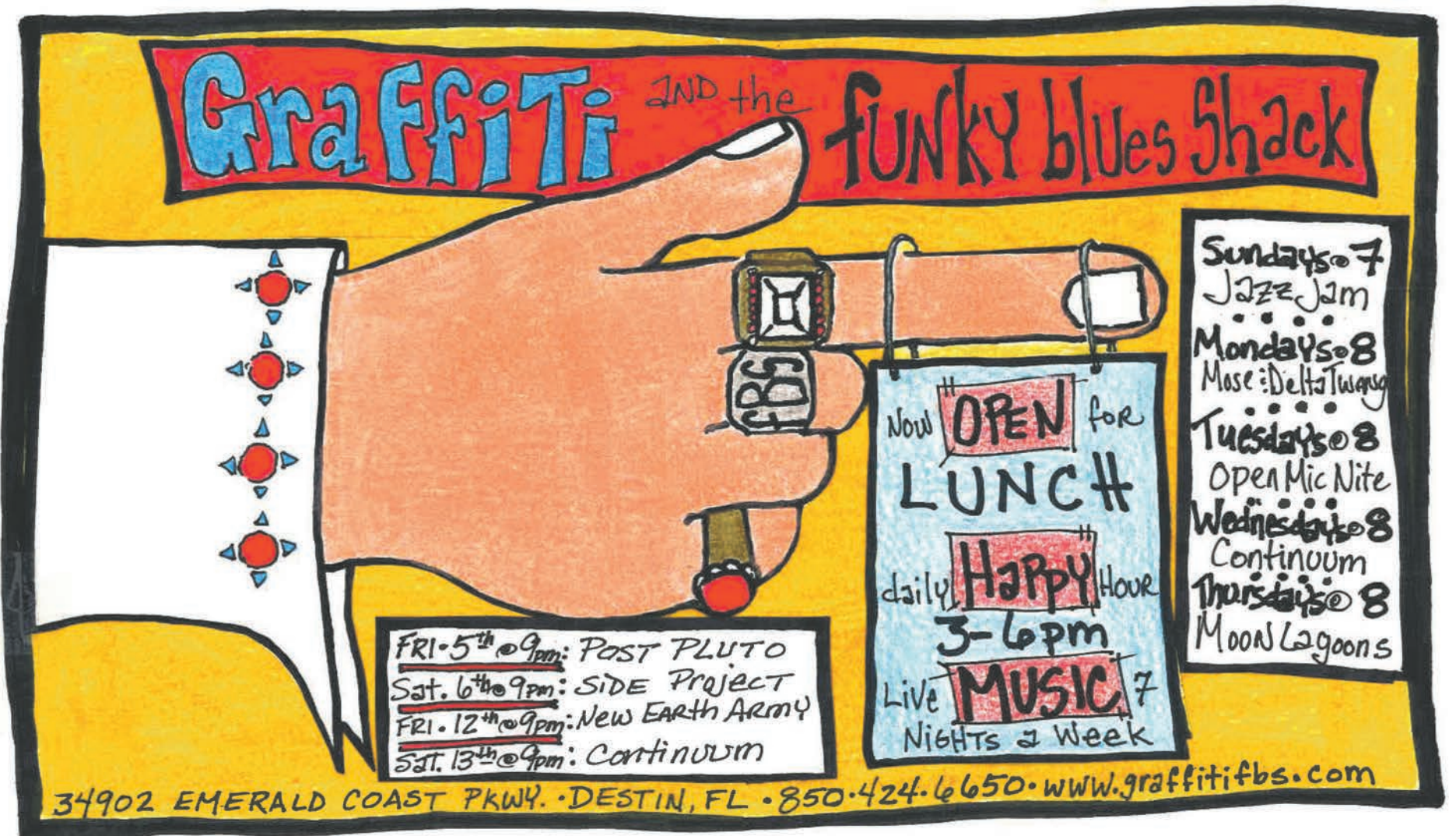


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Panhandle Butterfly House Celebrates 20 Years

By Kimberly White

They spent the winter months on upkeep, using shovels, clippers, spades and rakes to trim back, dig out weeds and pull poorly performing plants—but most importantly, creating a “caterpillar garden” filled with the plants the larva need to metamorphize from multi-legged insects into brightly colored fluttering beauties.

Now, volunteers with the **Panhandle Butterfly House** are in the final stages of preparation for opening day on Saturday, **May 6**. The beautifully landscaped vivarium, or butterfly habitat, is stocked with hibiscus, salvia, lemon coral, sage and other plants and flowers, and will be filled with hundreds of hungry butterflies—which were en route from a facility in central Florida just hours earlier.

“The butterflies are cooled to slow down their metabolism, and they’re placed in little paper sleeves and then carefully packed with ice packs and shipped overnight (from central Florida) through UPS,” explains **Mary Derrick**, extension outreach coordinator with the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS).

“When that box arrives at the store, they immediately call our butterfly wrangler, Peggy, and tell her, ‘The butterflies are here.’ She comes down and picks them up, brings them into the (butterfly habitat) and opens them up and releases them.”

The Butterfly House is celebrating its 20th anniversary this season, which runs through Aug. 26. The nonprofit was founded by Jack and Fonda Wetherell with the goal of increasing awareness about butterflies and their importance as pollinators in healthy ecosystems.

District 4 County Commissioner Rob Williamson will speak during opening ceremonies as well as various educational groups.

“What we are doing this year to celebrate is to have more educational events in addition to just being open,” Derrick says, adding classes such as “Butterflies 101” and learning how to propagate milkweed will be held during the three-and-a-half-month period.

Painted a cheerful yellow, the Butterfly House sits at the foot of the Navarre Bridge, the grounds themselves filled with a cornucopia of plantings such as Black-eyed Susans, milkweed, dill and fennel, on which the caterpillars feed before their big transition.



Mary Derrick (right), who oversees the Butterfly House as part of her UF/IFAS Extension duties, with Navarre volunteer Pam Murfey.

On opening day, volunteers will place several wire mesh-sided boxes inside the vivarium, and visitors can watch as caterpillars feed on plants that are particular to their specific species of butterfly.

“Each species of caterpillar feeds on a particular plant. That’s why monarchs and milkweed are so linked, because monarch caterpillars will only feed on milkweed,” says Derrick. “(Females) will only lay their eggs on milkweed—not on gladiolas or petunias or anything else—because that’s what their caterpillars can eat.”

Inside the house itself, one wall features a display of mounted butterflies from around the world donated by Gulf Breeze resident Dr. Tom Grow. Tours are available 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays,

and docents tell visitors all about the Butterfly House, butterflies in general and answer questions about their biology, behavior and the particular plants they eat in both their larval and adult stages.

A typical tour takes about half an hour, but “people can stay as long as they want. That’s why we have several benches, so people can sit and they can linger here, take photographs—they can stay as long as they like,” says Derrick. “Some people come in and out quickly, some people stay for quite some time.”

The facility also hosts pre-scheduled group tours for elementary schools, 4-H clubs, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and other organizations Mondays-Wednesdays. In addition to its seasonal opening, volunteers host “Monarch

Madness” each October to celebrate the migration of the Monarch butterflies.

The Butterfly House operates as a part of Santa Rosa Clean Community System, Inc., and the UF/IFAS Cooperative Extension Service with the support of the Florida Master Gardeners, according to its web site.

In 2015, more than 14,000 people from 48 states, 2 territories and 17 foreign countries visited the exhibit, which has previously been recognized as the Best Horticultural Program in the Nation by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

The Butterfly House is located at 8581 Navarre Parkway off Highway 98 at the foot of the Navarre Bridge. For more information, visit panhandlebutterflyhouse.org.

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EDUCATIONAL

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. www.ecscience.org.

FARMERS' MARKETS

30A FARMERS' MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS’ MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **30A FARMERS’ MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

GOLF

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children’s playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin’s early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped

parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather’s restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARIER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe’s.

TOPSAIL HILL STATE PRESERVE Two major freshwater coastal dune lakes are located within the 1,600-acre preserve. Campground entrance and day use entrance are located on West Scenic Highway 30-A, 1/4 mile south of U.S. 98. 850-267-0299. www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill.

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Lucy Buffett Shares Gumbo Love with Destin May 20

Lucy Buffett, sister to Jimmy and the owner of LuLu’s destination restaurants in Destin and Gulf Shores, will be releasing her newest cookbook May 9, *Gumbo Love...Recipes for Gulf Coast Cooking, Entertaining and Savoring the Good Life*.

LuLu’s in Destin will host a cookbook signing Meet & Greet event with Lucy personally autographing copies of *Gumbo Love* Saturday, **May 20**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gumbo Love is a delicious love letter to the Gulf Coast’s vibrant food culture and the definitive guide to this regional fare, interwoven with Lucy’s philosophy of relaxation, freedom, gratitude, enjoyment and, of course, seaside whimsy. With over 100 new recipes mixed with old classics, readers will find the perfect dish for any social occasion, including Caribbean, Cajun, Creole, Cuban, Mexican and Old Florida influences.

The book is garnished throughout with great stories and tidbits of hard-won wisdom, like “trying to be perfect is a setup for failure.” Readers will also learn how Lucy navigates the kitchen and the business, and about her upbringing in Mobile.

“With great excitement, I am pleased to announce this release of my long-awaited second book, *Gumbo Love*. It truly took the ‘village of LuLu’s’ to get this book finished,” says Lucy. “Now it’s time to do one of my favorite things in the world—book signings.

“I’m all about connecting with people, hearing their stories and discovering our common ground and experiences. Besides, I am truly humbled to have folks want to read what I’ve written, and my mother taught me to have good manners. So what better way to do that than to thank them in person and give them a hug?”

Cooking her way from coast to coast before returning home to Alabama years ago, Lucy Buffett originally opened a modest bayside gumbo and burger joint that also doubled as a bait shop. Now she is a successful restaurateur, with two LuLu’s locations serving over one million guests a year. A third location will open in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, next spring.

LuLu’s is located in Destin at the foot of the Mid-Bay Bridge next to Legendary Marina. For more information, visit lulubuffett.com/destin.

- Kay Phelan



Photo by Courtland Richards.

UPCOMING BOOKS

MAY 9

Dennis Lehane, *Since We Fell: A Novel*
Kathy McKeon, *Jackie’s Girl: My Life with the Kennedy Family*
Haruki Murakami, *Men Without Women: Stories*
Jo Nesbo, *The Thirst: A Harry Hole Novel*
Martin Popoff, *Beer Drinkers and Hell Raisers: The Rise of Motorhead*
David Ross with Don Yaeger, *Teammate: My Journey in Baseball and a World Series for the Ages*

MAY 16

Rob Bell, *What Is the Bible? How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything*
Lee Child, *No Middle Name: The Complete Collected Jack Reacher Stories*
Danielle LaPorte, *White Hot Truth: Clarity for Keeping It Real on Your Spiritual Path from One Seeker to Another*
Joseph Mercola, *Fat for Fuel: A Revolutionary Diet to Combat Cancer, Boost Brain Power and Increase Your Energy*
Andrea Petersen, *On Edge: A Journey Through Anxiety*
The Official SAT Study Guide, 2018 Edition

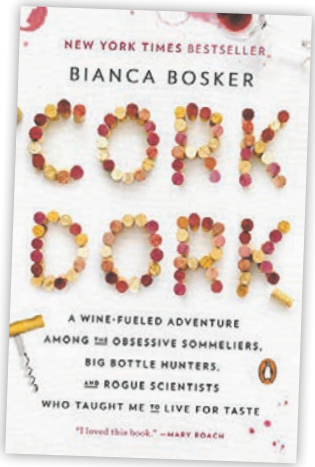
Sources: www.amazon.com

Recommended Reading

Bianca Bosker

Cork Dork

Penguin Books
Journalist Bosker took 18 months off from writing about online tech to immerse herself in the world of professional sommeliers, with the intention of earning base-level sommelier certification. *Cork Dork* (what sommeliers call themselves)



recounts her journey from casual wine consumer to journeyman expert. Bosker’s style brings to mind Tony Bourdain (minus the endless profanities), and she manages not only to learn a few things, but to keep her perspective and come up with some choice insights of her own. She is equally adept at quick-sketching eccentric characters and outrageous situations, and at explaining the elusive physiology of taste.

- Bruce Collier

Sharon Sterling

Fatal Refuge

Independent

The first chapter of *Fatal Refuge* ends with Kim Altaha, an Apache EMT in Yuma, discovering a murdered woman in a desert wildlife refuge. Kim recognizes the victim, an acquaintance of her BFF, social worker Allie Davis. The ensuing police investigation begins with the customary procedural forensics. The story itself quickly evolves into a web of interpersonal conflicts and a second murder by the same killer.



As the investigation expands, so does the cast of characters, from Kim’s love interest, to the schizophrenic, poet-mother of the murdered woman. Each of the central characters struggles with his or her own private demons. This isn’t so much a whodunit—the reader knows that early on—as a “howcatchem,” a witnessing of the inevitable convergence of the law and the psychopathic outlaw.

Sterling recently moved here from Arizona. This is the second in her Arizona Thriller Trilogy, available from Amazon and at Seaside’s Sun Dog Books and Rosemary Beach’s Hidden Lantern.

- Wynn Parks



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Movies

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

MAY 5

Chuck. Liev Schreiber, Jim Gaffigan.

The Dinner. Richard Gere, Laura Linney.

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2. Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana.

The Lovers. Debra Winger, Tracy Letts.

3 Generations. Elle Fanning, Naomi Watts.

MAY 12

Hounds of Love. Emma Booth, Ashleigh Cummings.

King Arthur: Legend of the Sword. Charlie Hunnam, Astrid Berges-Frisbey.

Lowriders. Gabriel Chavarria, Theo Rossi.

Snatched. Amy Schumer, Goldie Hawn.

The Wall. Make Mexico pay for it!

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

MAY 9

A Street Cat Named Bob. Luke Treadaway, Ruta Gedmintas, Anthony Head.

Things to Come (L'avenir). Isabelle Huppert, Andre Marcon.

Source: www.rottentomatoes.com

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 16

"THE JUDGE"

Destin Library, 3 p.m.
850-837-8572

The Friends Guild of the Destin Library presents a FREE screening of David Dobkin's 2014 drama starring Robert Downey Jr., Robert Duvall, Vera Farmiga and Billy Bob Thornton.



Hank Palmer is a successful Chicago defense attorney who is getting a divorce. When his brother calls with the news that their mother has died, Hank returns to his childhood home to attend the funeral.

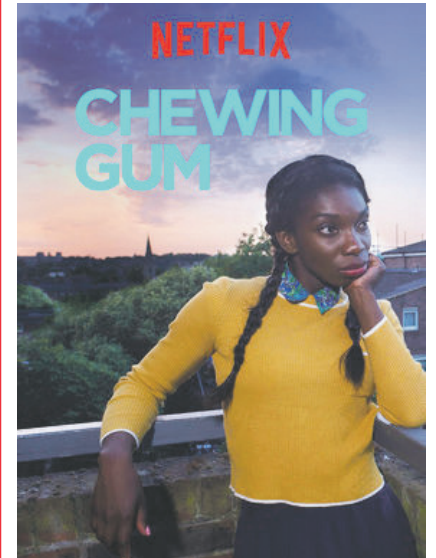
Later, Hank must come to his father's aid and defend him in court. Soon Hank discovers the truth behind the case, which binds the dysfunctional family and reveals the struggles and secrecy of the family.

The Judge is rated R.

- Will Rogers

STREAM ON

Chewing Gum
Netflix



BAFTA award-winning British sitcom from writer and creator Michaela Coel, who also stars as Tracey Gordon, a 24-year-old woman experiencing a sexual awakening while living with her evangelical Christian family in a London housing estate. Tracey tries her best to channel her idols Beyonce and Rihanna as she navigates cringe-worthy hookups, interracial dating, relationships with the other lively characters in the estate, and her job at the corner store. *Chewing Gum* is the most delightfully uncomfortable show on TV, with masterful physical comedy and an insular charm that makes *Tower Hamlets* feel like an entire world. Seasons 1 and 2 are now streaming on Netflix.

- Jane Morgan

Harlots
Hulu



Set in 18th-century London, *Harlots* is the ongoing saga of two rival madams, the aging Lydia Quigley and the not-so-young-herself Margaret Wells. What makes this show addictively watchable isn't just its racy subject matter but the personable, well-developed characterization of virtually all of the players. The costuming is vibrant and gorgeous, the dialogue snappy, and the setting mirrors the storylines, ranging from poignant and charming to gritty, dank and dark. New episodes air every Wednesday, and you can binge the previous ones. This is Hulu at its finest.

- Joni Williams

Stage > Upcoming Shows

THURSDAY, MAY 4

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

Hypnotic comedy with the legendary **Terry Stokes**, plus singer **Paul Brevard** and guest hypnotist **Terry Stokes Jr.** The 90-minute performance is an interactive audience participation show—you can be a hypnotic subject or participate in ESP and mentalism experiments. FREE—or you pick the ticket price. Gratuities appreciated.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

SATURDAY, MAY 6

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

SUNDAY, MAY 7

PITTMAN MAGIC SHOW

Tailfins, Destin, 6 p.m.
pittmanmagic.com

The Pittmans are this year's winners of the 2017 International Merlin Award, and **Tony Hassini**, president of the International Magician's Society, will present the honors at 5. Previous Merlin winners include David Copperfield, Siegfried and Roy, and Penn and Teller. Wow!

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

MONDAY, MAY 8

PIRATE SHOW WITH CAPT. DAVY AND CREW

Al's Beach Club, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
FREE for kiddies of all ages.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

THURSDAY, MAY 11

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
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FRIDAY, MAY 12

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

SATURDAY, MAY 13

THE CALLING DANCE COMPANY'S "COMING HOME: A STORY OF HOPE"

Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, 6 p.m.
TheCallingDanceCompany.org

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and FREE for children ages 4 and under. Order tickets from the website above.

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

SUNDAY, MAY 14

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

MONDAY, MAY 15

PIRATE SHOW WITH CAPT. DAVY AND CREW

Al's Beach Club, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
FREE for kiddies of all ages.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

THURSDAY, MAY 18

ACT4MURDER'S "MUSCLING IN ON MURDER"

Twisted Grape, Shalimar, 6 p.m.
act4murder.com



Ken Olson as Dan D. Diet in Act4Murder's MUSCLING IN ON MURDER.

Paula Hilton and her partners in crime unveil the latest home fitness device, the Bycle Cycle. Plus... someone is going to die! Cost is \$45 per person and includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity.

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

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thought—was finally held to answer for years of allegedly treating women like things. It was belated comeuppance, to be sure, but it was comeuppance just the same.

So it went in America on Wednesday, the day Bill O'Reilly got fired. And you know something?

It was a pretty good day.

Leonard Pitts is a columnist for *The Miami Herald*, 1 Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla., 33132. Readers may contact him via e-mail at lpitts@miamiherald.com.

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An advertisement for LAPAZ RESTAURANTE & CANTINA. The top section shows a plate of food with a red sauce and a green chili pepper. Below that is a large plate of grilled shrimp. The middle section features a vibrant red cocktail with a lime wedge. The bottom section shows a plate of food with a lime wedge. The text "LAPAZ RESTAURANTE & CANTINA" is at the top. Below the food images are the phrases "COASTAL MEXICAN CUISINE", "FRESH SQUEEZED COCKTAILS", and "CATERING & PRIVATE EVENTS". At the bottom, the address "950 GULF SHORE DRIVE" and phone number "850-837-2247" are listed, along with the website "WWW.LAPAZDESTIN.COM".

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The “Welcome Home” City Elects Rynearson Mayor

By Samantha Lambert

Fort Walton Beach received a new city slogan in April 2016—“The Welcome Home City.” In March, the city elected a new mayor, **Dick Rynearson**, who was sworn in April 1 after serving two terms on the city council.

Rynearson and his family arrived in Fort Walton Beach in 1981. The Ohio native graduated from Kent State University in 1967 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Aerospace Technology. He served 11 years in the United States Air Force as a pilot and missile test engineer. Rynearson also served a tour in Vietnam as a C-7A aircraft commander and instructor pilot, along with two tours in Guam as a B-52G aircraft commander flying missions over Southeast Asia.

Rynearson’s combat service resulted in his being awarded the Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Silver Star. After his military service, he joined Hughes Aircraft Company/Raytheon as a missile systems test engineer. In 1995, he earned a Master’s Degree in Business from Troy University. Rynearson retired from Raytheon in 2005.

“The Welcome Home City” has so many places for visitors to see. “Take time to enjoy the downtown area,” says Rynearson. “There are many shops and restaurants downtown along with the Landing Park, the Indian Temple Mound Museum, and the Gulfview Hotel which was built in 1906.

“The Emerald Coast Science Center is located on Memorial Parkway close to Highway 98. We have a great recreation center on Jet Drive that offers a special rate for visitors. Don’t forget about the Bud and Dorie Day Patriots Trail in honor of Vietnam War hero Bud Day and his wife.”

Fort Walton Beach Landing Park on Brooks Street offers concerts and movies during the spring and summer seasons. Residents and visitors can bring lawn chairs and coolers and enjoy the sights and sounds.

“The council applied for BP oil spill money two years ago for a project to improve the Landing, and we were approved for funding,” says Rynearson. “BP has paid the feds, the feds have paid the state of Florida, and we are now waiting on the state to release the money.” Plans for improvement include the building of a natural amphitheater and a stage over the water.



Rynearson is excited about the growth and direction the city of Fort Walton Beach is taking. The mayor and city council meet once a year for strategic planning. The appearance of properties within the city limits was discussed at the most recent strategic planning session and is a major priority for the council. There are strong property ordinances in the city to deal with abandoned and dilapidated buildings and unkempt properties.

“The city bends over backwards to help residents and business owners with keeping their properties up,” says Rynearson. “We have two code enforcement officers who processed 1,460 cases in 2015 and 2016 alone. The goal of code enforcement is always compliance. Citizens need to know

that levying fines or liens is a last resort.”

He points out that the city leaders want residents, business owners and community partners to take pride in where they live. Beautification is a shared responsibility. Fort Walton Beach is a beautiful place to live, work and play.

“We are seeing established neighborhoods being improved as developers buy and tear down older homes and build new ones in their place. If we are not growing, we’re dying.”

As far as a second bridge connecting Fort Walton Beach to Destin, Rynearson notes that it would have to be a toll bridge. That is a directive from the Florida Department of Transportation.

The state will, however, replace the Brooks Bridge from Fort Walton Beach to Okaloosa Island without imposing a toll.

“We may be inconvenienced during the construction phase, but we have been reassured there will always be four lanes open for traffic throughout the process,” says Rynearson.

Rynearson and wife Janey (the owner of PS Gifts in Fort Walton Beach) have four children and 10 grandchildren, all of whom reside in Fort Walton Beach. The Rynearsons spend much of their time attending all types of events in the city including their grandchildren’s sports activities.

Contact Mayor Dick Rynearson at drynearson@fwb.org.

Dine on the Beach, Cool Breezes Included

After an interval of over-scheduling that had required me to do several reviews alone, I was happy I could take my wife and our daughter Grace (the Tiny Diner) along with me to eat at **Surf Hut**. Located on Scenic 98 (“Old 98” to us longtime residents), Surf Hut is right on the Gulf, with a nice big parking lot (thank goodness south Walton is getting real about parking), and plenty of space for casual drinking, snacking and inside dining. You can sit out front, sit inside, head out to a patio, or do like one couple I saw—just stroll in barefoot and sandy from the beach to pick up a beverage to go from the bar.

As the name indicates, it is a hut—a rather big one, with wide open spaces, expansive windows, and plenty of view of the white beaches out the back. We ate there early on a weekend, and scored a nice four-top next to a window. It was breezy, the shutter was up, and we put our condiments and utensils to good use holding stuff down from the occasional mild gust. I’m not complaining, though, the weather was gorgeous. The decor is casual but clean and shiny, with lots of polished wood and nautical bric-a-brac to keep the beachy vibe going.

The menu is big, offering a variety of choices from land and sea that pretty much hits every base. There are appetizers, soups and salads, a “create your own catch” with regular and daily specials, fried seafood, house specialties, shish kabobs, smokehouse items, sandwiches, and tacos.

There’s also a drinks menu featuring tall and short beverages (the fruity, umbrella-bedecked kind) frozen drinks, mojitos, assorted cocktails, and wine. And, of course, beer.



We ordered a sharing starter of peel-and-eat shrimp. We got 12—large sized, chilled and with a sweet, fresh flavor. Other app choices included oysters on the half-shell (priced by the oyster, minimum of three), deep fried sweet and spicy pickles (a change from the traditional dill), open-faced barbecue sliders, fried mozzarella, fried calamari, shrimp and crab dip, smoked snapper dip, fried shrimp and oysters, and fried crab claws. There’s also gumbo, and salads that can be converted to meals with chicken or seafood.

At six, my daughter has long since stopped eating from mommy and daddy’s plate, and I was impressed with the size and value of the butterfly

shrimp dinner she ordered. For \$7.99 she got 24 mid-sized shrimp and a fruit cup, and they did not look or taste like shrimp from a freezer bag. It would have made a respectable lunch for a grownup (but it’s just for kids).

I had checked out the menu online before we went, and I was interested in the shish kabobs. There are three kinds - chicken, shrimp, and beef tenderloin, or a “Big Kahuna” platter of all three with rice and black bean salsa. I got the latter. It’s not something you see all that often.

My wife, who loves grouper, ordered a fried grouper sandwich with fries and slaw. The other fish choice of the day was amberjack, and I saw cobia listed on the blackboard, but it changed, so maybe they were out that day.

My wife’s sandwich sported a large hunk of grouper, crisp fried and greaseless, simple but flawlessly executed. The three kabobs were jammed with their respective meats, interspersed with caramelized chunks of onion and sweet red pepper. The beef was sauced with parsley-garlic chimichurri, the chicken (looked like thighs, much better for grilling) with teriyaki, and the shrimp with Polynesian sweet chili sauce. There was more rice than I could finish, but I left not a scrap of the kabobs. The beef was done medium rare, as asked and ordered.

Other menu choices included catch of the day with choice of sauces, mashed potatoes and vegetable, fried shrimp,

scallops, oysters or a combo (with fries), shrimp and grits, fried shrimp stuffed with crabmeat and bacon, ribeye, seared grouper with lump crab, snow crab legs, smoked barbecue ribs on their own or with sides of shrimp or kabobs, a hamburger, grilled chicken or fried shrimp sandwiches, and “shoreline tacos” with pulled pork, grilled fish, blackened shrimp or a combo.

My wife and TD took a brief walk onto the beach, and they returned to see a slice of traditional style key lime pie. Like the grouper sandwich, it was a homey and flavorful local treat. TD’s verdict was succinct: “I’d like to live here.”



SURF HUT
551 Scenic Highway 98
Destin
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Reservations: Not Accepted

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AMERICAN

CALLAHAN'S A long-time favorite of Destin locals, Callahan's Restaurant & Deli lives up to its name, offering one of the town's most varied selections of deli sandwiches, salads, and full-on meals, with everything from quiche to barbecue. Steaks and chops are a perennial favorite, along with comforting meals of pot roast, prime rib, seafood platters, and some fancier regular and special items. Lunch and dinner; beer, wine and mixed drinks, \$3-20. 791 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-6328/837-7171. www.callahansdestin.com. www.facebook.com/callahansdestin.

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, than the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 p.m. Open at 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. www.CharliesBurgerBar.com.

HOOTERS Wings, shrimp, burgers and more. Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun.-Thu., 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Fri. and Sat. Happy hour Mon.-Fri., 3-6 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close. 15015 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, 850-654-1007. hootersonline.com.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BARBEQUE

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

BREAKFAST & MORE

ANOTHER BROKEN EGG CAFÉ is the Emerald Coast's premier breakfast, brunch and lunch destination. Sip on one of our award-winning, house infused Bloody Marys while you dine on breakfast classics, memorable brunch dishes or lunchtime favorites. Grand Boulevard – 755 Grand Boulevard, Suite B-107, Miramar Beach, 850-424-3416. Sandestin – 9100 Baytowne Wharf Boulevard, Suite A-4, 850-622-2050. www.anotherbrokenegg.com.

ASIAGO'S SKILLET There's no place like it. Open daily from midnight till noon. Try your hand at our one-of-a-kind Crab Cake Benny, mouth watering Bananas Foster French Toast or our classic American Breakfast. We've got something for

everyone. Plus, don't miss out on our Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar, complete with infused vodkas, every weekend. Truly breakfast at its best. 110 Amberjack Drive, Okaloosa Island, 850-586-7998. New location in Destin! 300 Harbor Blvd., 850-424-4160. www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet.

BLUE COLLAR CAFE Made to order breakfast and lunch served all day. House made bagels. Full coffee bar with Maas coffee and espresso roasted at the cafe. Home of the famous BOB (breakfast on a bagel) and New York style lox and house-mixed cream cheese. Salads and sides, homemade scones and sweets. Open Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 104 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach.

CAMILLE'S CAFE Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

THE DONUT HOLE Breakfast, donuts, sandwiches, salads, burgers and more. 635 U.S. 98 E, Destin, 850-837-8824.

THE DONUT HOLE 6745 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3239.

THE DONUT HOLE 12983 U.S. 98 E, Inlet Beach, 850-213-3127.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

TOMMY MATTONIE'S Looking for upscale breakfast options? We offer 13 different Eggs Benedicts and numerous specialty waffles. Trip Advisor honored us with a Certificate of Excellence for 2015. Our list of New Orleans style po-boys for lunch is just as extensive as the Eggs Benedict selections. We serve only local fresh bay shrimp and offer some of the best slow smoked BBQ in FWB. We also serve salads, Floribbean tacos, soups and daily specials. Check Facebook for our daily specials. Open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day except Mondays. Located at 723 Eglin Parkway NE in FWB near the Shalimar Bridge. 850-862-0895. www.tommymattonies.com.

BURGERS

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

CASUAL DINING

FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL – DESTIN Find out why Fudpucker's is #1 for Food and Fun. Fud's has offered great food,

live alligators and world famous t-shirts in a fun filled family atmosphere since 1982. Family entertainment is offered nightly with **The Fudnominals** interactive dance team, and Teen Night is held every Thursday and Friday. Download the Fud app for daily deals on food, drinks and merchandise. 20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, across from Henderson Beach State Park. Call 850-654-4200 or visit us at www.fudpucker.com.

HOG'S BREATH CAFE A local favorite located in the heart of Destin, Hog's Breath offers a varied menu selection, from seafood tacos to BBQ platters. Sit inside or enjoy the beautiful Emerald Coast weather, all while listening to live local entertainment. Fun for the entire family. Open daily, 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. 541 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-5991. "Hog's Breath is better than no breath at all!" www.hogsbreath.com/destin.

CATERING

BIG RED TRUCK Specializing in private events and full service catering. 850-737-1185. www.destinfoodtrucks.com.

COFFEE SHOPS

MAAS COFFEE ROASTERS Fresh roasted beans of origin, roasted in different profiles. Specialty coffee roasters for 10 years. "Once you go Maas, you'll never go 'Bucks!" Fresh made pastries and bagels, FREE WiFi. Open Mon.-Sat., 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 150 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, across from the Indian Temple Mound Museum. 850-585-0496.

CONTEMPORARY

BUD & ALLEY'S This Seaside perennial just keeps getting better. Lunch and dinner daily, with a varying menu offering grilled, roasted, and sautéed fish and shellfish, quail, chicken, pork, and plenty of interesting accompaniments. Full bar, \$4-34. 2236 CR30A East, Seaside, 850-231-5900.

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. www.theredbar.com.

VIN'TIJ Wine boutique and bistro. Wonderful food, service and a.m.sphere. Great approach to wine service offering Flight or tasters of unique varietals. Open daily for lunch or dinner plus a well stocked retail wine shop. \$5-19, 10859 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-9820.

FOOD TRUCKS

BIG RED TRUCK Gulf to table certified seafood, fresh fish tacos, high end comfort food on the move. We specialize in private events and full service catering. Daily specials and locations on Facebook. 850-737-1185. www.destinfoodtrucks.com.

GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 a.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, georgesatallysbeach.net.

IRISH

JOHNNY MCTIGHE'S Ireland on Scenic 30-A, a unique outpost of food and drink in Santa Rosa Beach. McTighe's opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. the next day. In between, the all-day menu offers an Irish grand slam of a breakfast, fish and chips, wings, pizza, and an array of hearty sandwiches, including Irish reuben, Philly cheese steak, burgers, chicken and hot dogs. There's even Maine lobster bisque. Full bar, \$4 - 21. 2298 Scenic Highway 30-A West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-0101. www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com.

ITALIAN

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy--beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 p.m. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great

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selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. www.CrabIslandCantina.com.

LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy \$7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, lacocina30a.net.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. www.lapazdestin.com.

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. www.mypepitos.com.

PIZZA & PASTA

CRUST PIZZERIA We strive to make the very best pizza. We make our own dough and sauce and grate the finest whole milk mozzarella. We make our own meatballs, slice the Italian sweet sausages, chop the fresh vegetables, then assemble your pizza just for

you and bake it to perfection in a brick oven. Eat-in, takeout and delivery. Wine and craft beers. Open Mon.-Sat., 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 4-10 p.m. 104 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-2990. destincrustpizzeria.com.

CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 433 Page Bacon Rd., Mary Esther, 850-737-2121.

CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 1826 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, 850-737-2299.

LANDSHARK'S PIZZA Daily happy hour, 3-6 p.m. and full liquor bar plus award-winning pizza and wings. 360 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-6743. www.LandsharksPizza.com.

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

REDBRICK PIZZA Fresh fire-roasted pizzas, fahazani sandwiches and gourmet Italian gelato ice cream. We use only Qualita superior Italian cheeses and premium ingredients. Savor the passion of a century-old Italian tradition. Locations are Destin Commons next to Rave Motion Pictures, 850-424-5990; and Pier Park, Panama City Beach, 850-236-1413. Hours are Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

SEAFOOD

THE BACK PORCH Experience open air dining with the best view of the Gulf of Mexico. Serving grouper, oysters, fried crab claws and our famous char-grilled amberjack. Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 1740 Old Highway 98 East, Destin. On U.S. 98 across from the Track, turn at the Hampton Inn, drive about 1/4 mile, and you'll find us on the right side. www.theback-porch.com. 850-837-2022.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the

kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 a.m.-9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 p.m. 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. info@emeraldgrande.com.

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. harbordocks.com.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. info@harryts.com.

LOCAL CATCH has established itself as a Hot Spot for fresh coastal cuisine with superior customer service. Dine in daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and enjoy Happy Hour Mon.-Fri., 3-5 p.m. Join us every Sunday for live music from 3 to 7 p.m. 3711 West Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-2022. www.localcatch30a.com.

OLD BAY STEAMER Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. \$4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. \$3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

POMPANO JOE'S Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our garlic crusted grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South, turn right on scenic Hwy. 98, drive down about two blocks, and you'll find us on the left side. www.pompano-joes.com. 850-837-2224.

SALTWATER GRILL We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers' dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a

25,000-gallon aquarium filled with exotic fish. Become mesmerized by the soothing sounds of **Michael Rorah**, our singing pianist, who plays Tuesday through Saturday evenings. Lobsters available for viewing and choosing at the front of the restaurant. Open 4-10 p.m. 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, saltwatergrillpcb.com.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP Seafood is king at this informal Santa Rosa Beach eatery. Oysters "all ways," crawfish pie, catfish or frog legs meuniere, and gumbo are just a few of the Louisiana-inspired dishes. Service is friendly and attentive. Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Serving brunch on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beer, wine and live music at Stinky's Bait Shack from 6 to 9 p.m. 5960 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3053.

STEAKS

MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB OF DESTIN One of America's Great Steak Houses. Feasting, Imbibery and Debauchery. We are known for great food, exceptional service, our own craft brewed beers, and fun live entertainment. Open LATE, from 11 a.m. to 1:45 a.m. seven days a week. 33 U.S. 98, Destin, 850-650-0000, www.mcguiresirishpub.com.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE serves the finest aged, corn-fed USDA Prime beef. Broiled in a trademark 1,800° broiler and served on a plate heated to 500 degrees, your steak is presented sizzling hot at your table. Happy hour daily from 5 to 7 p.m. in any of our three bars, including the new East Bar. We boast an array of private event spaces, our own private billiard room, valet parking, and live entertainment five nights a week from *Billboard*-charting recording artist Michael J Thomas (upon availability). Open seven days a week at 5 p.m. For reservations, call 850-837-RUTH (7884) or visit www.RuthsChrisDestin.com.

SALTWATER GRILL Open 4-10 p.m. 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, saltwatergrillpcb.com.

SEAGAR'S PRIME STEAKS & SEAFOOD The area's first AAA 4-Diamond restaurant specializing in the finest prime beef and freshest seafood available. Private dining facilities and wine room with more than 800 labels. Features tableside preparations and live piano nightly. Reservations recommended. 622-1500. \$10-50, 4000 Sandestin Blvd., at the Hilton Sandestin. www.SeagarsDestin.com

SUSHI

JACKACUDAS SEAFOOD & SUSHI is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant overlooking the historic Destin Harbor. The name derives from a famous fishing hole located 34 miles southwest of the Destin Harbor at 30°04.250N and 87°02.125W. Specializing in fresh, locally sourced seafood and products to provide our guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes with New South culinary preparation. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. 56 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-424-3507. www.jackacudas.com.

OSAKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SUSHI BAR 34745 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-4688.

OSAKA SUSHI ROCKS It's the little Sushi house on the Lagoon. Osaka Sushi Rocks offers an extensive list of sushi, sashimi, and rolls, both classic and regional specialties. Friendly,

Wines to Try

The Bouchard family has been producing quality wines for nearly three centuries. They are one of the oldest wine estates in Burgundy, France, a region known for its Pinot Noir grapes.

The **Bouchard 2015 Pinot Noir** is 100 percent Pinot Noir—no other varietals are blended in. It is cherry red in color, with aromas of cherry and coffee, and soft integrated toasted notes—a lovely fullness in taste. It has appealing silky tannins on the palate and is very fruit-forward, with flavors of chocolate underscored by a hint of menthol. It has a long finish, with assorted fruit flavors and a subtle touch of oak.

This wine is a perfect match for all meats, barbecues, pizzas and assorted vegetables, and is available at the Twisted Grape in Shalimar by the glass or bottle.

- Debbie Thomas

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serene atmosphere. Tempura, noodles and teriyaki favorites also available. Wine and beer. \$4-50. 108 Cannery Lane, Village of Baytowne Wharf, 351-1006.

VKI JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE, SUSHI BAR & HIBACHI Serving authentic Japanese cuisine. Come in and enjoy fresh seafood, chicken, pork and beef cooked to suit most tastes. We offer Hibachi, Teriyaki, Tempura, Katsu, Japanese noodles and fresh Sushi. Beer, wine and sake. Happy hour, 4:40-6:30 p.m. Open seven days a week—lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; dinner, 4:30-9:30 p.m. 4552 U.S. 98 Suite 1 & 2, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2555. Gift certificates available.

TAPAS AND WINE

LA CREMA TAPAS AND CHOCOLATE Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant featuring unique tapas and Spanish wines. The European vibe provides a relaxing atmosphere where we encourage guests to share dishes, converse and enjoy Rosemary Beach living. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. 38 Main St., Rosemary Beach, 850-624-7282, lacrematapas.com.

WATERFRONT DINING

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FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL – OKALOOSA ISLAND Find out why Fudpucker's is #1 for Food and Fun. Fud's has offered great food, live alligators and world famous t-shirts since 1982, and our waterfront location across from the Ramada Plaza has it all—**Fat Daddy's Arcade, Escape Zone 60, Maximum Magic Dinner Show** and **Fudpucker's Watersports** where you can rent a jet ski, paddleboard or pontoon boat. You'll also find charter boats, the "Puc Dat" airboat and the Cattywampus Catamaran on our docks at Bayside Marina. 1318 Miracle Strip Parkway. Call 850-243-3833 or visit us at www.fudpucker.com.

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE From a volcano flowing with Margaritas to suspended airplanes, Margaritaville is more than a restaurant; it's a state of mind. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Five O'Clock Somewhere celebration Mon.-Thu., 4-7 p.m. 76 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-7700. www.margaritavilledestin.com.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S DESTIN is located next to the Mid Bay Bridge and Legendary Marine on the Choctawhatchee Bay in beautiful Destin, Florida. A little off the beaten path, but we like a little more room to breathe. Specializing in the BEST Burgers in Paradise, Southern Favorites and Lucy's own GUMBO LOVE! Family friendly! Come by boat, anchor and wade in or call for our boat shuttle. Open daily at 11 a.m. Live music nightly. Separate allergy menu. Beach for the kids to play, Fountain of Youth, LuLu's Gift Shop. 850-710-LULU (5858). www.lulubuffett.com/destin.

VUE ON 30A showcases one of the best views for dining in all of South Walton. Open to the public and serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch. Named "Best Restaurant

of 2014" by *The Beachcomber*, Vue on 30A offers the ultimate dining experience. Open for Sunday brunch, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; lunch Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; happy hour Tue.-Sat., 3-6 p.m.; dinner Tue.-Sat., 4:30-8:30 p.m. Two for one entrée specials Wed.-Sat., 4:30-6 p.m. 4801 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2305. www.Vueon30a.com.

Where to Spend Your Happy Hours in Beachcomberland

If your bar isn't listed here, you need to email chris@beachcomberdestin.com immediately!

THE BEACH HOUSE
4009 S. Sandestin Blvd., Miramar Beach
850-608-6300
RelaxDrinkEat.com
When: 4-7 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: \$4 house wine, \$3 well drinks, \$2 off select apps, and \$1 off all draft beers.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-424-7417
When: Everyday from 3 to 6 p.m.
Drink Specials: \$4 house margaritas, \$3 well drinks and house wine, \$3 Corona, Corona Light, Bud Light and Miller Lite.

CAMILLE'S CAFE
2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin
850-337-8860
When: 3-5 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: Lots, including Camille's Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

FISHHEADS
HarborWalk Village, Destin
When: 6-8 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: \$1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

FOKKER'S PUB
215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1, Fort Walton Beach
850-244-6666
When: 3-7 p.m. daily; 3 p.m.-close Tuesdays.
Drink Specials: Everything half price except Bushwhackers and high end bourbons.

45 CENTRAL WINE BAR
45 Central Square, Seaside
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When: Early happy hour, 1-6 p.m. Late night happy hour, 2-4 a.m. Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.
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4801 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
850-267-2305
When: Seven days a week, 3-6 p.m.
Drink Specials: \$5 house wine and discounts on well and call liquor and beer, plus up to 20 percent off select bar menu pricing.

Mr. Pochito

By Juan Francisco Adaro

Mr. Pochito was a neighbor of my old studio in La Boca (a barrio of Buenos Aires, Argentina).

He was a great character from this wild neighborhood, always half-drunk and making random comments on my paintings, like “Too much red!” or “A bit more blue, please!”

His face was like a map, and he used to dance the tango with the tourists in the street.

A prolific rock star of the local art scene, Juan Francisco Adaro recently relocated his Adaro Art gallery to the Hub 30A in Santa Rosa Beach. Stop in soon, and visit adaroart.com often.



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